

To all who have opened the cover of this book, you are on the threshold of some treasured memories that have been accumulating for 75 years - from 1927 to 2002. Thank you for beginning this written and photographic journey, which, we hope, will prompt and inspire your own additions along the way.

All Hardin Reynolds Memorial School Alumni Association members are encouraged to begin the journey by remembering, with more than passing appreciation, the many secretaries who have kept mailing lists current. Addresses change, but every member doesn't notify the association as promptly as favorite magazines are notified. Members have been tracked through relatives and friends by CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES, since Sallie Cooper was elected to the office in 1927.

Lois Tatum served as Corresponding Secretary for 37 years, from 1939 to 1982. As Critz post office clerk and later postmaster, Lois was in a good position to keep a mailing list current, and she discharged her responsibilities with admirable diligence. Her services were recognized with a special presentation in 1964.

Association members have at least one convenient, annual opportunity to express personal and group appreciation to the current Corresponding Secretary, Frances Via Smart, for 18 years of service. Members also can make the job easier by notifying Frances of every address change.

Lois and Frances have served 55 of the association's 75 years.


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## Commendation

The Senate of the Commonwealth of Virginia bereby commends and congratulates the

## HARDIN REYNOLDS MEMORIAL SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

In recognition of its<br>$75^{15}$ ANNIVERSARY<br>~ 2002 ~

Offered by Senator Wm. Roscoe Reynolds on January 17, 2002


## "H.R.M.S."

Where the blue hills encircling rise
To meet the quiet and gentle skies


Where nature's beauty still holds rule There stands our loved and honored school "H.R.M.S., H.R.M.S. No other school so truly blessed

Thy standards high, thy purpose true
Our Lives shall guide in all we do;

Taught by the precepts to face each test And win or lose to give our best.


"H.R.M.S., H.R.M.S."

We sing thy name in gratefulness

Tho many years may intervene
Tho many miles unroll between
Thoughts will return as memory wills
To our dear school among the hills

"H.R.M.S.,
H.R.M.S."

God grant thee honor
and
success.

## Preface

How can one book contain more than 75 years of preserved and treasured memories of Hardin Reynolds Memorial School and its Alumni Association? To paraphrase a familiar gospel chorus, the task is too high to go over, too deep to go under, and too extensive to go around. The only possible solution is selection from wealthy availability, then crowd as much as possible through a door that insists upon too many limits. In spite of all the odds against success, the impossible task has been attempted here by a rather varied and fluid committee and staff of Critz-area volunteers, immeasurable help has come from class members wherever they could be tracked via family or personal contacts, through the mails (in the midst of anthrax risks and threats by international terrorists), with the relatively recent, complicated, but somewhat sanitized innovation of E-Mail, and the telephone, which has progressed from a wall-mounted wood and metal instrument (with a little hand crank) to the frustration of pushing many buttons and getting only recorded voices.

The impossible task has been completed with acknowledged less than complete success, but, hopefully, everyone who views these printed pages will be sufficiently understanding and charitable to conclude the results are considerable.

Now that one impossible task has been completed, another has to be faced with even fewer chances for success. How can appropriate thanks be expressed to so many for so much in such a limited space? The answer is obvious. That can't be done. So, everyone thanks everyone else for months of valiant and tireless efforts that will be judged, again hopefully, as a job well done. Three exceptions must be made, beginning with Jesse Shelburne Bowles, class of 1952, president of Collinsville Printing Company, Collinsville, Virginia. Without his helpful suggestions and invaluable advice, his personal and corporate services, these pages would have encountered many more difficulties gaining existence.

Exceptions must be made also for the Hardin Reynolds principal, Ann Adams Fulcher, class of 1969, and for Loritta Barbour Murphy, school secretary, class of 1955. Without their early and continuing cooperative help, through many days and nights, the presentation of these collected memories could not have gotten started.

What remains to be done? From many possibilities, the committee and staff hope these pages will produce memories that will be as treasured in the future as they have been in a past that began in 1890 as Critz School, which graduated from one-room log to one-room frame in 1905, then a four-room brick building in 1913-1914 through the generosity of R. J. Reynolds, before becoming Hardin Reynolds Memorial April 23, 1927.

Many voices have shared by speaking again. With one voice now, hopes are expressed that everyone's reading and perusing will be pleasurable enough to create additional treasured memories to endure for the past that is yet to be.

## HISTORY OF HARDIN REYNOLDS MEMORIAL SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

In June, 1927, the graduates of Critz High School, which earlier that year had become Hardin Reynolds Memorial School, and Principal Camet B. Cox met and organized an alumni association. Approximately sixty people attended.

The first officers and board of directors were:

| Russell Joyce | President |
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| Marshall Via | Vice President |
| Maggie Joyce | Secretary |
| Thelma Tatum | Treasurer |
| Sallie Cooper | Corresponding Secretary |

## Board of Directors

| Charlie Sheppard | Bill Ayers |
| :--- | :--- |
| Edna Tatum | Eldean Martin |
| Sallie Cooper | Arthur Tudor |

The constitution states: "The objects of the association shall be to establish more effective relations between the school and alumni, to cooperate with the school in suggesting and carrying out proposals looking toward its progress and welfare; and, particularly, to advance the interests of the school, and to bring alumni into closer contact with each other."

Membership was to consist of graduates and friends of the school. Those graduating prior to 1922, when the school was accredited, were classified as associate members; those graduating in 1922 and after, regular members.

Two mottos have existed: "A School is What its Former Students Make it" and "Every Member an Active Worker." The latter seems to have prevailed.

Annual meetings have usually been in May-in recent years, the Saturday preceding Memorial Day. Traditionally, members and guests enjoy a banquet, followed by a business meeting and then, dancing.

There have been only two years in which a banquet was not held. Quoting from the secretary's minutes in 1943, "Due to the ban on pleasure riding resulting from war conditions, the executive committee deemed it both wise and patriotic to call off the banquet." Again in 1944, there was no banquet, but the association held its annual meeting on the HRMS campus. Following a picnic, vesper services were held in the school auditorium, followed by a candlelight service on the campus honoring members in uniform.

Sites for the annual meeting and banquet have included the high school iibrary, Patrick Springs Hotel, Fairystone Park, the William Neal Reynolds Gymnasium; and, beginning in 1974, the multipurpose room of the school.

The first several years, the meal was prepared and served by the Home Economics Department under the direction of their teacher. Later, food was prepared by the school cafeteria staff and ladies of the community, with youth from the area assisting in serving. In recent years, the organization has used the services of professional caterers.

In 1936, a nominating committee was appointed for the first time to present a slate of officers for general membership vote. Prior to that time, all nominations were from the floor.

It was not until 1941 that the executive board was required to keep minutes of its meetings.

The constitution states that annual dues shall be $\$ 1$. It is interesting to note that they remained $\$ 1$ until 1948 when they were increased to $\$ 1.50$. Since then, there have been many increases. At the present, there are no dues as such. Persons attending the banquet are charged the cost of the meal plus an additional amount to add to the treasury.

Early in the life of the organization, fund raisers were held to help defray operating expenses and provide gifts to the school. Because of consolidation, the year 1971 brought an end to the chief source of income-the annual Miss HRMS Beauty Pageant. This necessitated an increase in dues, as well as a quest for ways to supplement the treasury. Several ideas were discussed, including: sponsoring a Little Miss HRMS Beauty Pageant, Halloween Carnival, a Womanless Beauty Pageant, wrestling match, and sale of pictures. In 1973, it was decided to sell pictures of the school "as it appeared a few years ago." Pictures were ordered; some were sold; and the remainder left in the treasurer's possession to be sold at any time during the year. In 1973, it was decided to discontinue the practice of sending flowers for alumni members' funerals and send sympathy cards to families of the deceased instead. Two things prompted this decision: often times, the person designated to assume this responsibility did not hear of the death until after the funeral; in addition, it was becoming very expensive.

The first gift to the school from the association was a large picture of Mr. Hardin Reynolds, for whom the school was named. This was placed in the lobby of the auditorium. Other gifts included flags and flag poles, books, living room furniture for the girls' dormitory, contributions toward a dugout for the baseball field, piano, copy machine, sound system, score board and seats for the gymnasium, and many others. Thousands of dollars have been spent by the alumni association for gifts to the school.

Annual banquet entertainment has usually been furnished by speakers. They have ranged from ministers, physicians, congressmen, senators, attorneys, musicians, school principals, school superintendents, teachers, to HRMS graduates, many of whom are included in one of the above categories. HRMS graduates who were banquet speakers included Mr. Russell Joyce, Mr. Homa Freeman, Dr. William B. Hall, Mr. Floyd Trent, Mr. Cecil Spencer, Mr. Murray G. Via, Mrs. Sallie Via, Ms. Mary Sue Terry, Mrs. Nannie Ruth Terry, Col. Leland Martin, Mr. James Hodges, Mr. Douglas Hutchens, and Mr. Lee Spencer. There may have been others whose names were not included in the minutes.

Speech topics have been as different as the persons making them. A principal spoke in 1936 on "This Dangerous Age"; another topic was, "The Future." Others included "The Critical Teacher Shortage," "Happenings in Washington," "History of the Reynolds Family," and "How to Live Forever." It is impressive to note the number of speakers who praised the quality of education offered at HRMS.

The benevolent spirit of alumni members is evidenced by the fact that on various occasions, the association has provided financial assistance to members and friends who were suffering hardships.

Through the years, baseball and basketball games were played with alumni playing high school; later, even-year graduates played odd-year graduates. James Tatum, Alvis Joyce, J. P. Via, Joe Cobbler, and Clyde Nelson have served as team managers. As members aged, it became difficult to recruit participants, so that activity ceased.

Several members have been given special recognition for their outstanding service to the alumni association and/or school: Mrs. Sallie Cooper Via, Ms Mary Sue Terry, Mrs. Nannie Ruth Cooper Terry, Mr. Marshall Via, Miss Lois Tatum, and Mrs. Frances Via Smart.

In 1964, Miss Lois Tatum was presented a $\$ 50$ savings bond in appreciation of her many
years of service as corresponding secretary. She served in that capacity a total of 38 years. In 1994, Frances Via Smart was given $\$ 25$ in recognition of her invaluable service as corresponding secretary. She has served 17 years. Others who have given many dedicated years of service to the association are the present officers: Wayne Clark, president since 1987; Janice Doss Woods, vice president since 1990; Frances Bingman Ashburn, treasurer since 1971, and Nancy Bowles Barrow, recording secretary since 1988.

The constitution states "Conspicuous service in behalf of the school is deemed cause for honorary membership." Several people have received this honor: Mr. James W. Price, a popular and highly respected teacher and coach in the 1940's; Mrs. Nancy Susan Reynolds, granddaughter of Hardin Reynolds; Mrs. Annie D. Reynolds Tompkins, a generous benefactor of the school; and Mrs. Dea Reynolds, in appreciation of work done in banquet preparation.

Three members have been recognized for their faithful attendance at the annual banquet. Cary Ayers, class of 1928, reported in 1997 that he had never missed a banquet. Miss Lois Tatum, class of 1932, missed her first banquet in 1975. Mrs. Louise Clark Reynolds, class of 1935, had never missed but one banquet in 2001.

Following is a list of people who have served as president of the HRMS Alumni Association:

| Russell Joyce | Ralph Grogan |
| :--- | :--- |
| W. J. (Bill) Ayers | Cary Ayers |
| Maggie Joyce Davis | Elizabeth Hundley Clark |
| Floyd Trent | Moir Bingman |
| Marshall Via | Fred Smart |
| Clark Ayers | Myrtle Leach Crews |
| Robert Tatum | Alvin Anthony |
| Homa Freeman | Pauline Cockram Turner |
| Fonrose Trent | Judy Via Pollard |
| Sallie Cooper Via | Clyde Nelson |
| Louise Marion Fulcher | Bobby Reynolds |
| Marie Tatum Clark | Jimmy Rodgers |
| Raymond Spencer | Mary Louise Reynolds Handy |
| William H. Anthony | Bobby Sanders |
| Nannie Ruth Cooper Terry | Nancy Bowles Barrow |
|  | Wayne Clark |

The largest class to become members was the class of 1970, with 53 graduates. The smallest was in 1945, when there were only two graduates due to the addition of eighth grade.

In 1982, the association voted to accept as members those eleventh graders who attended school at HRMS and did graduate somewhere. In 1988, it was decided that all high school students at HRMS at the time of consolidation be accepted as alumni and invited to the banquet.

In 1963, a motion was made to consider "setting up a fund to help some worthy student with college expenses." After discussion, it was decided that funds were too limited at that time, but it was a matter to be considered later. The dream persisted, and in 1988, the scholarship fund became a reality. A collection was taken, receiving $\$ 423$. It was decided to supplement the fund from the treasury to make it $\$ 500$.

When the scholarship fund was established, accumulating a total of $\$ 10,000$ was the goal,
so that the interest could pay for the scholarship each year. That goal has been reached.

Mrs. Mary Louise Reynolds Handy was appointed as chairperson of a committee to establish guidelines for selection of the recipients. This committee makes selections each year, based chiefly on academic achievement and need. An applicant must have been a student at Hardin Reynolds or be the child or grandchild of a graduate of Hardin Reynolds.

Mrs. Handy served on this committee from its inception to her death in March, 2001. In addition to working with the committee in reviewing applications and selecting the recipients, she presented the scholarships when she was physically able to do so.


Mrs. Mary Louise Reynolds Handy

The practice of a collection for the scholarship fund at the banquet has continued. This, however, is only a fraction of what is given to this fund each year. Any individual or group is encouraged to participate in this endeavor; however, in order to memorialize or honor someone, the gift must be a minimum of $\$ 300$. Individuals, families, and HRMS graduating classes make


Wayne Clark \& Kevin Tatum substantial contributions to the fund each year, thus paying tribute to loved ones.

The first scholarship, amounting to \$600, was presented to Kevin Tatum in 1989 by Wayne Clark. Kevin attended Hardin Reynolds and graduated from Patrick County High School. His parents are HRMS graduates.

As of May 26, 2001, a total of $\$ 47,975$ in scholarships has been presented to deserving high school seniors to assist them in continuing their education.

No history of the HRMS Alumni Association would be complete without mentioning the fact that for many years, the meetings have closed with the singing of HRMS School Song, composed by Mrs. Bili Shelton Ehmann, and Auld Lang Syne.

Facing reality, we know the HRMS Alumni Association cannot continue to exist, because it receives no new members. When we consider that on May 26, 2001, there was a report of nineteen deceased members during the preceding year, we are reminded of our mortality and the future demise of the HRMS Alumni Association.

The HRMS Alumni Association has not been an organization just to "meet and eat." Many good things have been accomplished during its 75 years of existence. The objectives as set forth in the constitution adopted in June, 1927, have not only been attained, but exceeded as it continues to exist and be a vital force in the community 31 years after the closing of the high school.

Compiled from:
The Records of
Hardin Reynolds Memorial School
Alumni Association
Critz, Virginia

## HISTORY OF THE HARDIN REYNOLDS MEMORIAL SCHOOL

The Hardin Reynolds Memorial School had its beginning in a little log school house around 1890. The building, located about $3 / 10$ of a mile from the present campus, was made of hand-hewn logs, It was covered with boards that were also made by hand and nailed on with cut iron nails. A huge fireplace in a rock chimney on one end of the house furnished the heat.

A large window made by removing one of the logs from the side of the building gave light to the room. Under the window was a writing desk made of one wide plank that was fastened to the wall at an angle comfortable for writing. The seat at the desk, as well as all the others, was made of logs with holes bored for the legs.

A shelf on the wall served as a place for the water


Little Log Schoolhouse bucket. The bucket was made of cedar wood with brass hoops. Water was brought twice daily from a spring located about $1 / 2$ mile away. A tin dipper was used for drinking. The teacher usually drank first then the "scholars" were served.

Children were allowed to start to school at the age of four. The length of the term was from mid October to March. The school day began at 8:30 a.m. and ended at 4:00 p.m. The noon recess was one hour long. The majority of the teachers were men who emphasized reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic. Geography, history, and spelling were also taught."

The original log school was replaced around 1905 by a one-room frame building that still stands. It was known as the "Little Green Schoolhouse." James Tatum has restored and painted the school in the original color it was originally.


One Room Structure

During the years 1913-1914, through the untiring efforts of the people of the community, and with the generous help of R.J. Reynolds of Winston-Salem, a four-room brick structure was erected. For the first time, work beyond the elementary grades was offered; the school now being known as Critz High School.

The first commencement exercises were held in a nearby tobacco warehouse in the spring of 1916. There were three graduates, Mabel Tudor Grogan


Grade School with Auditorium
(Valedictorian),


First Grade School Kate Fulcher Gilbert and W. P. Fulton.

In 1917 the school building was increased to twice its original size with an auditorium occupying half the lower floor. The class of 1918 was the first to graduate in the new auditorium. It was here that moving pictures were first shown at Critz with B. F. Martin and R. A. Hairfield sponsoring the enterprise.

As the school developed the urgent need for a dormitory became apparent. During 1920 and 1921 the people of the community, assisted by generous outside help, constructed a four-story dormitory. Students from Patrick and adjoining counties as well as other sections of the state were attracted by the boarding facilities offered here.

Vocational agriculture was added to the curriculum in 1920. Home Economics was first offered in 1921. The school became an accredited four-year high school during the 1921-22 session.

The phenomenal growth of the school soon called for still another building; Will N. and Walter Reynolds met this need by having erected a building honoring the memory of their father, Hardin William Reynolds. The first or basement floor of this building was occupied by the Vocational Agriculture Department, the second floor, an auditorium with a seating capacity of 600; the third floor was used for the boys' dormitory and faculty apartments. When


Girls Dormitory


Auditorium the building was dedicated in April, 1927, the school board announced that the school would henceforth be known as Hardin Reynolds Memorial School.

The commercial department was an important part of the school since 1927, sending out dozens of graduates who have done efficient work in the varied fields of business. Will N . Reynolds provided the typewriters and other necessary equipment and for several years paid the salary of the instructor.

The next addition of the school plant was finished in 1940. This building had four high school classrooms and the school library. In the basement was the community cannery,


High School operated under the supervision of the Department of Vocational Agriculture, which was a great asset.

The school was first accredited by the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges in the mid-thirties, being recognized as one of the rural schools in the state.

In June, 1950, a group of interested citizens headed by Mrs. N. C. Terry made a visit to Winston-Salem, N.C., to see Mr. Will Reynolds in regard to a donation on a gymnasium for the Hardin Reynolds High School. As a result, he gave $\$ 137,000$. The plans were made and work started immediately. In 1952, the beautiful gym was ready for use. This was the only real gym in Patrick County. It was not only a great asset to Hardin Reynolds Memorial School, but to the entire school system.


Gymnasium

In 1958, a four-room primary building was constructed which housed the first, second, and third grades.

The last graduating class left the Hardin Reynolds School in June, 1970, when the high school was transferred to the new Patrick County High School which opened in September, 1970.

In 1972, a new building program was begun. The old elementary building and the girls' dormitory were removed and a new elementary addition was started.

In 1972 the boys' dormitory and auditorium were removed. The area is being used as a paved parking lot.

In September, 1973, the new addition was a reality. This addition housed the kitchen, multipurpose room, clinic, office, library, teachers' lounge, and classrooms. In 1984-


New Elementary School 1985 School Session Patrick Springs Elementary School and HRMS were paired with grades K-3 becoming Patrick Springs Primary School. Grades 4-7 are now served at Hardin Reynolds.


## Teachers who served HRMS from the beginning records to 1970

Annette Agee
Lucy Anthony
Nannie Sue Anthony
Robbie Atkin
Henry Ayers
Jessie Mae Ayers Vernon
Larry Belcher
Judy Bowman
Ethel Brim
Colleen Collins
Lillian Cooper
Nancy Cooper
Virginia Darst
Miss Devans
Pricilla Diggs
Ilene East
Marie Foster
F. Fuller

Ruth Gilbert
Vassar Graham
R.W. Grizzard
lone Hagan
Johnny Halsey
Eugene Hardy
Virginia Harris Hodges
Franklin Heath
Mary Emma Howard
Earl Jarrell
Jeanette Kessler
May Lou Lamb
Carr Leach
Mary A. McHone
Sandra Martin
Z.V. Mason

Pearl Massey
Ruth Merkey
Margaret Mitchell
Jessie Morrison
Leonard Palmer
Margery Phipps
James W. Price
T. Russell Rea

Louise Reynolds
Emily Rickman

Irene Akers
W. H. Anthony

Fairy Ayers
Carolyn Ayers Harnsburger
Jessie Barnard
Leslie Bell
Frances Boaz
Vivian Bowman Joyce
Nelson Brooks
Barbara Byers Pendleton
Glenn Collins
Carlyne Cooper
S. P. Cox

Mary Ella Dehaven
F. S. DeVault

Herbert Diggs
Bili Ehmann
Edith France
Frances Fuller
Fred Gilley
Mabel Griggs
Mabel Grogan
Myrtle Hairfield
Zula Hanby
Thomas Harper
Richard Hauser
Mattie Holland
Mildred Huddle
Mary Hannah Jones
Frances Knight Reynolds
Audrey W. Law
Leo Lineberry
Louise Marion
Sara Martin
May McCabe
Bruce Midkiff
Florence Moore
Mrs. W. E. Morrison
Mary Ann Patterson
Herbert Pilson
Fred Price
Carol Reaser
Ivis Reynolds
Coyte Riley

Martha Anthony
Georgia Arrington
Ethel Ayers
Elva Ayers Shockley
Lottie Beasley
J. W. Bittle

Diona Bowman
Lila Brady
Pearl Brown
Florence Caldwell
Elizabeth Clark
Noel Cook
Margaret Cooper
Barbara Church Rakes
Glenda Delionback
Audrey Dickerson
S. H. Dickerson
R. M. Divers

Kathryn Fain
Callie Fuller
Mary Gates
Jean Gilley
Janie Gilliam
Vergie Goode
Amanda Grizzard
Lola Gwynn
Louise Hall
Anna Hanby
Armand Harrell
Opaline Hayes
Essie Hopkins
Shirley Inman
Maggie Davis Joyce
Mary Ella Knowles
Betty Mabry
Chrystine Marshall
Madeline Martin
Erma McKenzie
Almeda Mills
Ethel Moore Frazier
Jossie Owens
Paula Pendleton
Bo Perkinson
Charles Price

Dana Quesinberry
Emily Reed
Martha Reynolds
Ruth Ritter
Grace Roberts
Martha Ross
Dallas Robinson
Ruth Rowell
Betty Ruth Shelor
Magdalene Shockley
Virginia Slate Bingman
Ray Smith
Paul T. Swails
Thelma Tatum
N. C. Terry

Madeline Thomas
Ruth Trent
Vergie Tuggle
Sallie Via
Alene Walker

Benjamin Wathan
Gertrude Wimbish
Mammie Zentmeyer
Peggy Rorrer
Emiline G. Sharp
Vera Shelton
Calvin Shockley
Ben Shotwell
Nancy Slusher
Ala Dean Smith
Mrs. Eddie P. Tatum
Edna Tatum
Bee Tatum
Nannie Ruth Terry
Winfred Thurlow
Maude Tudor
Mary Ella Turner
Jane F. Via
Jane Waller Cox
Clara West

James Wood
Lula Shelburne
Eva Sheppard
Nancy Slate
R. D. Smart

Margaret C. Steagall
Thomas Eddie Tatum
Florence Tatum
Thelma Taylor Smart
Beulah Thomas
G. H. Todd

Grace Tudor
Emily Umbarger
Pat Vipperman
Margaret Waller
Bertha Williams
Elva Wyers
Eura Yates

## Principals who served HRMS

Lillian George Cooper
1918-1920

Annie Fulton 1920-1921
Camet B. Cox
1921-1923
Ben McCary 1923-1925
Camet B. Cox 1925-1929
E. C. Croxton 1929-1931
L. G. Shelton 1931-1936
R. S. Gardner 1936-1938

Paul Cox 1938-1939
R. H. Rickman 1939-1946
D. J. Horne 1946-1949

Carroll Winborne Woodroof 1949-1955
Juel Turner 1955-1959
Glenn Collins 1959-1963
James Wood 1963-1967
Earl Jarrell 1967-1968
Nathaniel Terry 1968-1979
Larry Belcher 1979-1989
Wendell Smith 1989-1997
Ann Adams Fulcher 1997-present

CATALOGUE
Hardin Reynolds Memorial School Session 1927-28

HISTORICAL SKETCH
The Critz School began about 1890. In 1905 a one-room structure was built. During the year 1913-14 with the generous help of Mr. R.J. Reynolds and the people of the community a four-room brick structure was built. In 1917 this building was increased to twice its size. During 1920-2 I a four-story structure was constructed. Critz School obtained rating as an accredited school for the first time during the 1921-22 session. The new dormitory soon became filled to its capacity and the need for an additional dormitory became apparent. Mr. William N. Reynolds met this need by having erected a memorial building in honor of his father, which cost about $\$ 50,000$. The first floor of this building was occupied by the Dept. of Agriculture. The second floor was an auditorium with seating capacity of 800 . The third floor was used for boys' dormitory and faculty apartments.
The school plant was considered one of the best of its kind in the state, having a total valuation of buildings and grounds of more than $\$ 100,000$.

A bronze tablet was unveiled on April 23, 1927 in the new building in honor of the late Hardin Williams Reynolds. It was on that day that the School Board announced the name of the school would henceforth be known as the Hardin Reynolds Memorial School.

DORMITORY LIFE
The dormitory management proposes to make life there as homelike as possible. To obtain this aim, every effort is set forth to bring about a mutual understanding between teachers, pupils and matron. Any boy or girl is welcome to ask advice of the matron to assist in adjustment to this type of school life. The teachers who are in the dormitories exercise a wholesome influence upon the young life to direct it toward self-improvement. Various forms of amusement and recreation will be provided at times to develop the cultural and social nature of the pupil.

COURSE OF STUDY
Sixteen units are required of all students for graduation. A unit being a course which meets at five forty-minute periods per week for a period of thirty-six weeks.

The units are distributed as follows:
Constants Required of All Students to Graduate
English-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-- 4 units


Problems of American Democracy and Civics -. - 1 unit




Vocational Subjects - (Optional)
a- Agriculture I, II, III, IV, each counts I-I/2 units. Class instruction, Farm Shop Work, Home Project Work. (2 years required to get credit.)
b-Home Economics-Class Instruction, Cooking, Sewing, Household Management.
c-Commercial Training-Typewriting, Bookkeeping, Stenography, Commercial Arithmetic.

Elective Courses
History-Early European-Modern European. Mathematics-Algebra II-Solid Geometry. French-I, II (2 years required for credit). Latin-1, II (2 years required for credit). Chemistry-I.

EXPENSES
There will be no tuition charges to pupils of this county. Pupils outside of the county desiring to enter should confer with the principal or local trustee.

Board and room in the dormitories will be $\$ 14$ per month. The rooms are supplied with iron beds, mattresses, pillows, dresser and washstand. Bed linen, towels, covers, etc., are to be furnished by the pupil.

Pupils must keep their own rooms, sleeping quarters, hall and stairway clean at all times. Rooms will be inspected daily.

ONE MORE WORD
It is very difficult to convey by means of a school publication the information an interested patron or a prospective student desires to have. So the faculty and school board extend a cordial invitation to the people of this section to come and visit your school, and find out for yourself what is has in store for you.

Critz is a rural community and the Hardin Reynolds Memorial School is a rural school; its purpose is to make rural life more attractive, more pleasant, and more profitable so as to prevent the drifting of the younger generation away to the city in search of vain pleasures. Rural life was at one time the only life, then it was attractive, but now in this complex age of society the country seems somehow to have lost its charm and loosened its grasp on the young life. It can yet be the most attractive form of life if fully appreciated. If this is ever to be restored it must be brought about through the schools. The school must furnish the magnetism which will attract the pupil's interest in and appreciation of the boundless resources and unheralded beauties of Nature.

If the boys and girls who attend this school acquire what is intended for them to acquire they will be in better position to appreciate home life in the country where the richest of all Nature's blessings have been bestowed.

For any further information address the Principal, or best of all come and pay the school a visit.

School will open Monday, September I9, 1927.

## Class of 1922

Minnie Ayers Burnette Josie Duncan Summers* Bessie Tatum* Harry Tudor* Posey Tudor*

Sallie Cooper Via* Julia Bryant Hylton*
Eva Sheppard*
B.W. Via*

## Class of 1923



Front Row: Bill Ayers, Frank Cooper and Charlie Sheppard
Back Row: Russell Joyce, Marshall Via, Harold Hundley and Edgar Joyce

The only class member known to be living is Charlie Sheppard. When asked about his memories of attending Critz High School, he said, "That's been 78 years, I don't remember much about it."

Maggie Joyce Davis* Mabel Griggs*
Georgia Martin Sheppard*
W.J. (Bill) Ayers*

Edgar T. Joyce* Homer Spencer*


Russell Joyce and Marshall Via


Frank Cooper and Charlie Sheppard
Carlyne Reynolds Cooper*
Mildred Hundley Brown
Christine Critz Ayers*
B. Frank Cooper*

Charles J. Sheppard

## Class of 1924



Mary Tudor Hill* Irene Martin Wopinsky
Marshall N. Via*
Shelton Clark*
Lee Wood*
Russell A. Joyce*

Thelma Tatum Ross*
Emma Lou Via Thacker*
Leath Penn*
Harold S. Hundley
E. Frank Murphy*

Raymond C. Spencer*

It was thought that Harold S. Hundley is still living, but when a letter was mailed to his last known address, there was no reply.


Basketball Team - 1924
Lft. to rt.: Eldean Martin, Lucy Boaz, Irene Martin, Leona Hundley, Julia Cooper, Hallie Duncan, Myrtle Hundley


Basketball Team - 1924
1st Row.: Hassell Flippin, Russel Joyce, Marshall Via 2nd Row: Harold Hundley, Ted Rea, Ben McCary, Principal, Elmer Sheppard, unidentified.

## Class of 1925



1st Row: Grace Epperson, Myrtle Vernon, Principal Ben McCary, Christie Jones, Clark Ayers 2nd Row: Kester Grogan, ? Poindexter, ? Poindexter (twins), Bill Clark 3rd. Row: Elmer Sheppard, Eva Hudnall, Theodore Puckett, Ethel Vernon, C.L. Via Carita Ross Gravely, the only living member of the Class of 1925, was not able to write about her memories.

Eva Irene Hudnall* Christie Jones Powers* Carita Ross Gravely Elmer Sheppard* Myrtle Vernon*


Critz High School 1925

## Class of 1926



Ruby Martin Steefle* Lillian Sheppard Foley* Martha Anthony
Demris Grogan Spencer
Gertrude E. Knight*
Lucy Boaz Nance*
Ruby Critz Tatum*
Marvin Foster*
Harold L. Griggs*
Julia Cooper Foster*
Nannie Sue Anthony*
Lucille Hundley Washburn*
Edna Tatum Peterson*
Zula Elgin Baliles
Lucy Rhodes Flippin*
Arthur L. Tudor*
Floyd P. Trent ${ }^{\star}$
Eddie P. Atkinson
1st Row: Harold Griggs, Lucy Boaz, Raymond Tatum, Ruby Critz, Floyd Trent 2nd Row: Demris Grogan, Edna Tatum, Marvin Foster, Nannie Sue Anthony, Elva Ayers, teacher 3rd Row: Mildred Epperson, Julia Cooper, Dee McCary, Lillian Sheppard, Martha Anthony The 1926 graduating class was composed of 18 young people who were closely knit and loyal. We were a jolly group that knew how to have fun. Our class motto, "Climb though the rocks be rugged," has served as a source of encouragement throughout my life. This has been written with precious memories of Critz High School.

Demris Grogan Spencer


## Class of 1927

Mary Alice Clark*
Eldean Martin Carter* Martha Hall Dupree Ethel Wray Spencer Helen Patterson Welch Gladys Mills Owens Marie Tatum Clark*

Mary Cooper Trent*
Nancy Critz Legge*
Frances Fulcher Hylton*
Eva Rhodes Stone
Sue Critz Stuphin
Lena Mills Cook
Elzia King Via*

No picture for the Class of 1927
The person contacted became ill and was unable to write about her memoires.


1st Row: Principal Ben McCary, Irene Goode, Lula Shelburne, Audrey Dickerson, Garnet H. Todd 2nd Row: Elva Ayers, Ladye Clark, unidentified, unidentified, unidentified.


1st Row: Grace Roberts, May McCabe, Garnet Todd, Principal Camet B. Cox, Bo Perkinson, Elva Ayers 2nd Row: Irene Akers, Janie Gilliam, Lula Shelburne, Maggie Joyce, Sallie Cooper, unidentified, Pearl Brown

## Class of 1928



1st Row: Unidentified, Bo Perkinson, teacher, unidentified, Dorothy Hundley, Irene Palmer, Princiapal Camet B. Cox, Lillian Gilley
2nd Row: Clarence Clanton, Richard Spencer, Ida Purcell, Carrie Rangeley, Hazel Boaz, Raymond Tatum, Willie Vernon
3rd Row: Russell Helms, Beatrice Tatum, Cary Ayers
No response from the person contacted by mail.

Lillian Gilley Purcell*
Dorothy Hundley Smith
Irene Palmer Trent*
Fay Cox Ashley
Hazel Boaz Harbour*
Richard Spencer
Cary G. Ayers*
Clarence L. Clanton*

## Ida Purcell Boaz*

Beatrice Tatum Miles*
Grace Gilliam Gardner*
Carrie Rangely*
Russell Helms*
Willie Vernon*
Raymond S. Tatum*

## Class of 1929



1st Row: Lucille Ayers, Pattie Nowlin, Ida Sue Tatum, Don Trent, Walter Moore, Eunice Shelton, Lee Ellis, Lena Joyce
2nd Row: Marshall Brown, Virginia Hiatt, Madge Via, Wade Gilley, Mary Sue Wood, Cecil Spencer 3rd Row: James Dunkley, Irene Cox, Katie Freeman, Buford Tudor, Bee Tatum, Hattie Sue Clark, Troy Carter 4th Row: Nancy Shelton, Richard Clark, Myrtle Shelton, Edith Reynolds, Elmer Tudor, Lettie Tatum 5th Row: Principal Camet B. Cox

There were 28 members of the 1929 graduating class, though we began with 29. Alonza Spangler dropped out because of illness. At the present time only three are known by the alumni secretary to be living: Hattie Sue Clark, Lettie Tatum Adams, and Cecil Spencer. At graduation exercises, Hattie Sue was recognized for not having missed a day of school since entering the first grade. Cecil gave the valedictory address.

Cecil Spencer

Cecil Spencer
Hattie Sue Clark
Katie Freeman Coleman*
Edith Reynolds Cooper*
Lena Joyce Gregory*
Myrtle Shelton Trent*
Eunice Shelton Boyd*
Rachel Tatum*
Madge Via Patterson*
Durward Barbour*
Richard Clark*
Lee M. Ellis*
Gordon Lee Trent ${ }^{\star}$
Elmer S. Tudor*

James Dunkley*
Lucille Ayers Spencer*
Irene Cox Dunkley*
Mary Gilley Hylton*
Virginia Hiatt*
Pattie Nowlin Sheppard*
Nancy Shelton Tatum*
Lettie Tatum Adams
Ida Sue Tatum*
Mary Sue Wood Weaver*
Marshall Brown*
Troy Carter*
Walter M. Moore*
Buford Tudor

## Faculty and Students in the 1920s



## Teachers in the 30s



Edna Tatum, Bee Tatum, Margaret Waller, Florence Tatum, Myrtle Hairfield, Margaret Cooper, Elva Shockley

# Hardin Reynolds Memorial School Alumni Association Organized June 1927 <br> by Camet B. Cox 

*Members deceased as of July 2001
Associate Members

Mabel Tudor Grogan*<br>Mollie Tudor*<br>Blair Clark*<br>Ruth Tatum Critz*

Ruth Cooper Via*
Maude Tudor*
W.P. Fulton*

Myrtle Hairfield*

## School Bus in the 1930s <br> Driver Don Trent



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| The Grades | Vera Biggs |
| Seniors | Josephine Grogan |
| Juniors | .. Era Stovall |
| Sophomores | Katherine Cooper |
| Freshmen | ........ Clara Pruitt |

## EDITORIAL

The value of a school paper should be clear to everyone. We need some method through which to tell other people of the activities of our school. All business organizations, clubs, and societies have some special method through which to publish their activities. The school being the most important organization of organizations, too, should have an official advertising organ, if it gets the advertisement which is essential to all enterprizes, in this fast progressing age. Many people do not approve of the latest methods of education. Who can right that wrong way of thinking better than the students themselves? The school paper is one of the best ways to do this. It will be carried into every home. The parents can learn what the school is doing for their children and what their children are doing towards making the school a better unit. The alumni will also be interested in their alma mater and what it is doing; also the profession of some of their old schoolmates.

The school paper offers self-expression to the literary students. Each member of the staff will have valuable training in journalism. Newspaper work is one of the largest enterprises. Students who have had experience in school, will stand a better chance of success in later life, if they choose to enter upon a journalistic career. Thus the paper may heip to point out to some student the business in which he would be a success.

The school paper will develop initiative in students, stimulate interest and draw the attention of other schools to us. The other schools will try to keep pace, thus causing friendly rivalry which always causes more interest and makes everyone do his very best. This is helpful to both school and pupil.

Most people read papers and magazines. This is a good habit, and I am sure everyone would be interested in his or her local school paper. The activities of the young people of our country are more important than all the murder trials and divorce cases in history.

Some of our greatest writers had their first experience in school publication. They liked it, and chose it as their profession. Here the paper helped them to decide upon a career, one of the greatest problems a student has to face.

Therefore, the purpose of our little paper is to help the students in self-expression, keep the Alumni interested in the school, draw the attention of other schools to us, let the parents know what the school is doing for their children, and maybe it will help someone to decide upon a journalistic career.

## HOME ECONOMICS

The Home Economics Class of H. R. M. School has organized, electing their officers as follows:

President-Jean Fulcher.
Vice President-Clara Pruitt.
Secretary-Helen Taylor.
Treasurer-Katherine Cooper.
Reporter-Allene Turner.
Class Advisor-Miss Wilson.
Recently the home economics girls served refreshments at a dance given by the Athletic Association. The proceeds from the refreshments amounted to $\$ 16.00$.

Dec. 10, 1929, the Home Economics. Department will assist the Agriculture Departmeni in preparing and serving their annual Father and Son Banquet. This is one of the features of the year that is always enjoyed by every one present.

## GIRLS' ATHLETICS

Three cheers for the H. R. M. S. basketball rirls!!!

For the first time in the history of the school, he H. R. M. S. girls are allowed to enter intercholastic basketball games. They are now playing for a silver loving cup offered by the county.

It was a very difficult task to get the basketball team organized, because the greater part of the girls knew nothing whatever of the game. However, we were eager to learn and although we made many mistakes, Mr. Marshall Via, our coach, was rery patient with us.

Our first contest game was played with Red Bank on the Red Bank Court. The girls had a Iong ride in a truck and were not in very high spirits at the beginning of the game. When the whistle blew of course we felt "shaky," this being our first game. This was an exciting game, the score being a tie all the way through. With Nannie Ruth Cooper and Mira Carter as our guards, it was impossible for ihe Red Bank forwards to roll the score on us. We ieel sure we would have made more scores but for 'he lack of team work on the part of the forwards, Margaret Cooper and Madeline Martin, this being their first time to play together. Hope Fulcher, "The Tall," and Catherine Cooper, "Shorty," playing in the center, it kept the Critz forwards very busy. When the final whistle blew the score was Red Bank 10 , H. R. M. S. 12.

The next game our girls played was with Blue Ridge Mission School on our court. When the whistle blew we were all in high spirits and ready for play. Our team did excellent pass work all during the game. With B. R. M. S.'s good playing they were unable to overcome the H. R. M. S. girls. The ball stayed at our goal most of the time. Our forwards, Margaret Cooper and Madeline Martin, did not lose any time rolling up the score. Both teams showed good school spirit and sportsmanship all through the game. Buffalo had splendid pass work but was unable to make the goals. This was a hardfought game. When the game was up, the score was B. R. M. S. 7, H. R. M. S. 21.

Hurrah! The girls win their third game!!! We played our third game with Central Academy, on their court. This was a hard-fought game. The court being slick and muddy, it was hard for us to stand up, but this did not hinder the H. R. M. S. girls. Both teams proved to be good sports. At the end of the first quarter, C. A. was ahead, but H. R. M. S. soon put a stop to this. We gritted our teeth and jumped into the game, determined to win. When the whistle blew H. R. M. S. was eleven points ahead.

Last, but not least, 'comes our fourth contest game. This was played against Stuart on Stuart's court. This was more of a rough and tumble fight than a basketball game. Roughness on the part of the Stuart team caused the H. R. M. S. team to go down in defeat. Although the H. R. M. S. girls were not as heavy and rough as the Stuart girls, they played a hard game until the last. When the final whistle blew, Stuart had rolled the score on the H. R. M. S. girls, winning by six points.

Half of our scheduled games have been played before the tournament.

I am sure that we feel very grateful for the time and hard work that has been given us in order that we might have a basketball team. I am afraid that we could never have had the courage to start a team if it had not been for the hearty support that has been given us by our teachers, schoolmates, the people of the community, our directors, and our coach.

The H. R. M. S. players are as follows: Margaret Cooper, Nannie Ruth Cooper, Catherine Cooper, Madeline Martin, Annie B. Anthony, Hope Fulcher, Elizabeth Layman, Jene Fulcher, Mira Carter, Nellie Taylor and Elizabeth Hundley.

Captain-Margaret Cooper.
Manager-Madeline Martin.
Director-Miss Sallie Cooper.
Coach-Mr. Marshall Via.
BOYS' BASKETBALL
On September 13th, our boys of Hardin Reynolds Memorial School began practicing basketball for the season. After several days' practice we realized that we had better material than ever before.

Twenty boys reported for practice the first day.
After two weeks' practice the following players were chosen: Taft Carter, Robert Trent, Robert Critz, Bill Woods, John Fulcher, Clyde Sheppard, Harley Trull, Amos Spencer, James Taylor, Richard Martin and John Cox.

The Patrick County basketball teams are playing in a silver cup contset, all games of which are scheduled by the County Athletic Association. Our team has played the following games:

Red Bank 9, H. R. M. S. 29.
Buffalo Ridge (game forfeited by Buffalo).
Central Academy 23, H. R. M. S. 35.
Stuart H. S. 29, H. R. M. S. 41.
We have played half the games scheduled to be played before the tournament. Hardin Reynolds Memorial School has the highest percentage of all the teams in the contest, not having lost a game. Stuart ranks second, having lost only one game.

## ALUMNI

Misses Nannie Sue and Martha Anthony, who are attending school at the Farmville State Teachers' College, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Anthony at Stilla during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Bufard Tudor of V. P. I. spent the week-end with his parents at Critz.

Misses Maggie Joyce and Sallie Cooper attended their Harrisonburg Alumnae Banquet given in Hotel Richmond, Richmond, Virginia, Wednesday evening, November 27.

Marshall N. Via of Critz attended the V. M. I.V. P. I. football game at Roanoke Thanksgiving.

Richard Spencer of Martinsville was the weekend guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Spencer, here.

## SENIORS

There being only half as many Seniors in the class of 1930 as in class of 1929 (which was 28 ), we aim to accomplish just as much, if not more than they did.

Our officers elected for the class are as follows:
Nannie Ruth Cooper-president.
Elizabeth Hundley-Secretary and Treasurer.
Frances Shelton-Reporter.
This year the Seniors have decided to standardize the school ring. We chose as our class ring, a : ing which has in the center the head of the man for whom this school is named, Mr. Hardin Reynolds. This is the first standard ring of our class.

We, the Seniors, are doing all we can, working Cogether with the Junior League, to beautify our campus and to erect markers at the entrances of our school grounds.

## JUNIORS

On Friday morning, November 22, the Junior class of Hardin Reynolds Memorial School met to organize their class and elect officers for the ensuing year. The following officers were elected:

President-Louise Marion.
Secretary and Treasurer-Eva Stovall.
Poet-Elsie Tudor.
Reporter-Madeline Martin.
The chief aims of the Junior class for the year are: To raise money for the purpose of erecting markers at the corner of the campus; to correspond with some of the modern living in order to make our American literature a more interesting subject; to cope with the standards of the Junior League.

The Junior class is the largest in school, and one of the largest in the history of the school. The total enrollment to date is thirty students. It is now planning on some wonderful work during the coming year.

## SOPHOMORES

The Sophomores have elected the following officers for this year:

President-Jean Fulcher.
Secretary-Hope Fulcher.
Treasurer-Frances Fulcher.
Class Poet-Ivan Bryant.
Reporter-Katherine Cooper.
Faculty Sponsor-Miss Sallie Cooper.
The Sophomores agreed to subscribe for "The Literary Digest" for the school library for this year.

## THE FRESHMAN CLASS

The Freshman class of Hardin Reynolds Memorial School was organized on November 22. The following officers were elected:

President-Page Shelton.
Vice President-Helen Taylor.
Secretary-Mary Drue Anthony.
Treasurer-Virginia Moorefield.
Reporter-Clara Pruitt.
Our chief aim is to work along with the other three classes in helping to place the four markers a.t the entrances of our school grounds, and also to improve the grounds.

Reporter.
Clara Pruitt.

## COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT

The commercial course, which was first introduced in the 1927-28 session, was made possible by the gift of eight new Underwood typewriters by Mr. W. N. Reynolds, of Winston-Salem, and by the untiring efforts of our former principal, Mr. C. B. Cox. Mr. J. B. Via, Mr. B. F. Martin, and other interested patrons. Eight post-graduates returned that year to enter this department, and with a large number of students from the Senior class a creditable beginning was made.

The session of $1928-29$ began auspiciously and two post-graduates, Miss Emma Lou Via and Elza Via finished the two-year course, winning medals and certificates in Penmanship, Bookkeeping and Typewriting.

The present class is not as large as previous classes but is making rapid progress. An idea? class would be formed each year from the Junior Class thus permitting each student to take a full course in Shorthand, Typewriting and Bookkeeping in the last two years of high school, and this is the object for which we are working. We also need more equipment and larger classrooms.

Cecil Spencer.

## AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

The Agriculture Department of the Hardin Reynolds Memorial School has a larger enrollment this year than it had during last session.

The boys met and organized their F. F. V. chapter and elected officers for the following year. The officers elected are as follows:

Conner Plaster-President.
Richard Martin-Vice President.
Amos Spencer-Secretary.
Carson Pratt-Treasurer.
Ivan Bryant-Reporter.
Mr. G. H. Todd-Adviser.
The objects of the organization are: (1) To have a better chapter, (2) develop a better judging team, (3) raise the rank of department, (4) organize thrift bank.

Some of the State objectives are: (1) Make the department serve the community better, and have a better department, (2) a thrift bank with one hundred (100) per cent of membership with savings account, (3) form tour for the chapter, (4) hold a father and son banquet, and engage in co-operative buying and selling.

The F. F. V.'s are trying to meet all requirements; they have the father and son banquet December the tenth.

## JUNIOR LEAGUE

The Junior League was organized in October. The following officers were elected:

President-Nannie Ruth Cooper.
Vice President-John Fulcher.
Secretary-Jean Fulcher.
Treasurer-Andrew Craddock.
Reporter-Frances Shelton.
Faculty Advisor-Miss Sallie Cooper.
The constitution of our league was written by the pupils of Miss Joyce's Civics class.

Our Junior League song was composed by Mrs. E. C. Croxton.

The work of the league for the year is as follows:

First-To complete the cement walk for the campus.

Second-To erect markers at each end of the driveway.

Third-To sponsor a school paper.
Fourth-To make H. R. M. S. pupils 100 per cent five-pointers.

Fifth-To meet the requirements for a banner league.

Mrs. R. A. Hairfield, Misses Maggie Joyce and Sallie Cooper attended the meeting of the Co-operative Education Association of Virginia at Richmond Thanksgiving week as delegates from the Critz Junior Leagues.

Signed, Fränces Shelton,

Reporter of Junior League.

## JUNIOR LEAGUE OF THE GRADES DEPARTMENT

Thursday afternoon, Nov. 21, the Junior League of the grades department of H. R. M. S. met in the auditorium. The meeting was called to order by the president, Thomas Trent. The following program was rendered:

Bible Reading and Prayer.
Minutes of last meeting were read by Irene Grogan.

Poem-The Landing of the Pilgrim FathersBillie Shelton.

Poem-There Are Loyal Hearts-Annie Sue Brim.
Friends-Moir Palmer and Clayton Boaz.
Song-Fifth Grade:
Beginning of Thanksgiving-Jean Gilley.
Story-The Thanksgiving Turkey-Ben Cooper.
Song-First Grade.
The Boy After Thanksgiving-Roy Brown.
Jane Jones-Julia Trent.
After the program, the work of the league was discussed. Most of our present work is keeping the school grounds clean. The members in each roon are deciding what they would like to do and it will be discussed at the next meeting. There being no further business to come before the league, the meeting was adjourned to meet sometime in December. Billie Shelton, Reporter.

## GIRL SCOUTS

The Girls Scouts met, and reorganized their troop with nine girls working on second class tests and two working on tenderfoot tests.

This year we have Míss Maggie Joyce as captain, Frances Shelton as patrol leader, and Katherine Cooper as reporter.

The purpose of this organization is to help girls to realize the ideals of womanhood as a preparation for their responsibilities in the home and service to the community.

The scouts so far are:
Annie B. Anthony
Mary D. Anthony

Katherine Cooper
Nannie R. Cooper
Hattie Burgart
Frances Fulcher
Louise Gilley
Madelyne Martin
Frances Shelton
Page Shelton
Era Stovall.
Reporter,
Katherine Cooper.
Our Math teacher, Miss Sallie Cooper, told her class that it is the little things that bother us. She said, "You can sit on a mountain, but not on a tack."

Frank Critz: "The basketball team is going to blow up."

Robert Trent: "Do you think it will hurt any body?"

We will sell the following articles at a cost of material: Small tables, washstands, writing desks, bookshelves, porch swings, flower pedestals, porch chairs, flower boxes, orchard ladders, poultry honpers, self-feeders, chicken coops, toolboxes, sack holders, nailboxes and wagon jacks.

## AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

## The Leader Store

# Just the place to buy your CHRISTMAS PRESENTS 

## The uptown store with downtown prices

J. LEE VIA

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## WHY WE DO

WHAT WE DO
By M. K. Thomson, Ph. D.

## WHY WE LIKE TO SUCCEED

Success is one of the greatest motives in human i.e. We all want to succeed. Suceess is like happiness. Evierybody knows what it is. We all want it, yet no two of us want the same kind.

We will understand why everyone is in love with success if we remember that success is nothing more or less than simply getting what you are after. If we undertake anything we like to carry the thing through to its logical concIusion. This reacts favorably upon
our self-esteem and we are elated. Success in any enterprise affords satisfaction.

The instinctive drivers behind success are the social impulse and the self-regarding insiincts and sentiments. We crave the plaudits of the crowd.

There are other reasons why we like to succeed. The cheers of the crowd mean less than the satisfaction a man derives in mastering a situation by overcoming opposition and difficulties. Take the instances of breaking a colt, inventing a new type of flying. machine, learning a foreign language, becoming an expert swimmer or boxer. "There are a thousand activities that we engage in for the sheer joy of mas-
tery. Once we start in we hate to give up and acknowledge defeac. It is a challenge to carry on until we master the situation.

We want to succeed because success stands for the uninterrupted and smooth ongoing of our impulses in the realization of specific ends. Opposition constitutes a challenge which arouses the fighting instinct and enlists every resource in the service of our objective. And the greater the difficulties overcome and the more we have to show for our efforts, the sweeter will be the satisfaction we derive from success.

## GETTING BACK AT AUTOGRAPH FIEND

My colleague Low (the Englins cartoonist) tells me that "these,ternational autograph fiends are getting to be too much of a good thing," and, to judge from the specimen he sends me, he is right.

This particular fiend, a lumber merchant in New Jersey, asks for an autographed sketch "on one of the enclosed slips," but omits even to enclose the return postage. Low's reply, which strikes me as being unanswerable (at any rate, I feel pretty sure that it will not be answered) runs as follows:
"Dear Sir: It is my desire to obtain samples of lumber from prominent lumber companies in all parts of the world.
"True, so far I have not got many, but I have every hope that my collection will ultimately be a very successful and interesting ©ne. I would appreciate your kindness if you would send me, at your own expense, a couple of your best logs. You can autograph them or not, just as you please."-London Evening Standard.

## SAGE SAYINGS

A full choir increases the chants for salvation.

Evien the buckwheat cake has to await its turn.

If a man is overbold he sometimes gets bowled over.

Don't thank heaven for the dinner and then scold the cook.


School Campus


Monogram Club


Jefferson Literary Society


Athletic Club


Washington Literary Society


Dr. \& Mrs. Shelburne


Jimmie Lee \& Ruth Via


Old Cars

## Class of 1930



My school memories are good. Two of my teachers were Sallie Via and Myrtle Hairfield.
I remember riding the bus and sometimes when it was muddy, the bus got stuck and we had to get out and push it up hills.
In Home Economics, we had to make a dress that was judged, and I made a light blue silk pongee dress and won first place. I was thrilled. I took French in order to go to college to be a teacher. I went on to college and taught 41 years.
On graduation night, my parents and brother Dennis went with me. In a few days, all of us but Daddy took measles. What a way to finish high school!

Agnes Vernon Tucker

Margaret Cooper Mitchell*
Vera Biggs Clark*
Agnes Vernon Tucker
Ilene Turner Powell
Inez Ross Elswick
Murray G. Via*
Harley Trull*
Taft S. Carter

Nannie Ruth Cooper Terry*<br>Elizabeth Boaz Gilley*<br>Frances Shelton Umbarger*<br>Martha Turner<br>Amos Mitchell*<br>Robert W. Trent*<br>Conner Plaster*<br>Elizabeth Hundley Clark

## Class of 1931



1st Row: Fairy Jones, Lester Plaster, Martha Anthony, teacher, Principal E. C. Croxton, Ruth Hubbard, Richard Martin, and Frank Critz
2nd Row: Evelyn Brown, Ivan Bryant, Elsie Tudor, Katherine Gilley, Bill Wood, Madeline Martin, Louise Marion, John Fulcher, and Josephine Grogan
3rd Row: Elizabeth Layman, Roy McArthur, Ethel Trent, Arthur Anthony, Florence Tatum, Kibler Carter, Mary Shelton, and Annie B. Anthony

Annie B. Anthony Abernethy Josephine Grogan Fagge* Elizabeth Layman Hall* John Fulcher* Mary Shelton Cheek Florence Tatum Moore Elsie Tudor Blair

Ivan Bryant* Frank Critz* Roy McArthur* George E. Wood* Evelyn Brown Staples

- Ruth Hubbard Robertson Louise Marion Fulcher

Madeline Martin Thomas*
Era Stovall Flynn*
Ethel Trent Puckett*
Arthur Anthony*
Kibler Carter*
Richard E. Martin*
Lester K. Plaster*

I started school in 1920 at the age of five and attended Hardin Reynolds all through high school. At this time, Hardin Reynolds was a boarding school with separate dormitories for boys and girls. Lucy Anthony, who called us her "little chickens," was my first grade teacher. She and her husband ran the girls' dormitory. Other teachers I recall are: Miss Florence Caldwell, Miss Pearl Massey, Mrs. Russell Tudor, Miss Vergie Goode, Miss Maggie Joyce, Miss Audrey Dickerson, Miss May McCabe, and Mrs. R. A. Hairfied, who was my 7th grade teacher. She was my favorite!
Mr. Camet Cox was the first principal I remember. He was a smart, strict, and good-looking man, who later married Sallie Critz, one of his pupils. Miss Sallie Cooper was one of my high school teachers who pushed me to do my best all through school. Perhaps her encouragement helped me become valedictorian of my class!
Not being ready to leave HRMS soon after graduation, I took all of the commercial classes, typing, shorthand, bookkeeping, business English, taught by Miss Vassar Graham, and music. The education received at Hardin Reynolds prepared me well for college; and many people found good employment with no more education than that received at Hardin Reynolds.
When Mrs. Harbour Reynolds' daughter, Lucy, died at the age of fourteen, Mrs. Reynolds added a grade school music class in her memory. After the first music teacher moved away, Mrs. Reynolds (later Mrs. Tompkins) asked me to teach, at a salary of $\$ 55$ a month. I taught the rhythm band, harmonica band, and music classes for each of the seven elementary grades a half hour each day.
Consolidation reduced our school to a grade school in 1970. Had this not happened, who knows, Hardin Reynolds Memorial School might have become a college!

Louise Marion Fulcher

## Class of 1932



1st Row: Mr. Ben Shotwell, Florine Haynes, Carson Pratt, Miss Martha Anthony, Myra Carter, Principal Mr. L.G. Shelton

2nd Row: Leonard Palmer, Homa Freeman, Ruth Sheppard, Jean Fulcher, Mary Haynes, Claude Koger, Elizabeth Anthony, Hope Fulcher, Lois Tatum, Amos Spencer, Mollie Boaz, Frances Fulcher, Ross Clark 3rd Row: Katherine Cooper, D.C. Spencer, Emiline Gilley - Not pictured: John Turner, Raymond Cox

Elizabeth Anthony*
Myra Carter Martin
Frances W. Fulcher Atcheson*
Jean Fulcher Hanes*
Kathrine Gilley Thomas*
Mary Haynes Pitts
Lois Tatum*
Homa J. Freeman
Thomas Carson Pratt
D. C. Spencer, Jr.

Ross Clark

Mollie Boaz Johnson*<br>Katherine Cooper Trent*<br>Hope Fulcher Atkins*<br>Emiline Gilley Sharp*<br>Florine Haynes Ramsey*<br>Ruth S. Palmer<br>Raymond F. Cox*<br>Claude N. Koger<br>Amos J. Spencer<br>John Turner*

Since my first years at HRMS were before a school bus ran in my community, I either walked or rode a horse the five miles to school. In extremely cold weather, my "breath froze" on my coat collar. Later, I rode a bus which traveled over dirt roads. Often the bus got stuck in the mud and we had to get out and push.
As I concentrated more on mischief than books, many of my fond memories revolve around the mischief. My classmates who got squirted with water from a hypodermic needle concealed in my coat pocket probably don't know yet where the water came from!
Despite the mischief, I got along well with my teachers. The only time I was ever sent to the principal's office was to witness someone else's punishment.

Ross Clark

## Class of 1933



Eva Purcell Beck
Frances Tatum DeWitt*
Emma Schill
Clyde Sheppard
R. Lewis Shockley*

Fonrose M. Trent*
Willie F. Via
Edd Ayers*

Florence Purcell Ore
Mae Trent Gusler
Robert D. Greenwood
Page Shelton
Ruth Spencer Burgart
Lucille Vernon Nowlin*
Carl Ayers*
Andrew L. Craddock*

Hardin Reynolds graduated 16 students in 1933: 8 boys and 8 girls. Page Shelton was class valedictorian. Most everyone was local with the exception of Robert Greenwood, who boarded at the school. Clyde Sheppard was the outstanding class athlete and could really send a baseball flying! We were typical of that time, most of us walking or going by horseback or cart to school. We worked at home, then went to school to learn the three R's, as well as English, history, geography, agriculture, and home economics. Then we went back home to work, study, and do the same the next day. During the depression, we attended HRMS only seven months. We participated in school plays, as well as basketball and baseball.

Some of our class returned to Hardin Reynolds to take the business classes offered there; these were equal to some colleges at that time.

## Class of 1934



1st Row: Mary Shelton, Hassell Yeatts, Bili Shelton, Virginia Moorefield, Harvey Wingfield, Eva Tuggle 2nd Row: Martha Anthony - teacher, Wilma Cockram, Hazel Reynolds, G.T. Boaz, Jr., Irene Grogan, Guy Mabe, Maude Witt Godshall, Ada Fulcher
3rd Row: Thomas Trent, Mary Drue Anthony, Margaret Mathis, Fred Critz, Erna Martin, Louise Gilley, Eldrin Carter

| Wilma Cochram Whitlock* | Ada Fulcher Conner |
| :--- | :--- |
| Margaret Mathis Martin** | Virginia Moorefield Williams* |
| Hazel Reynolds Miles | Bili Shelton Ehmann |
| Mary Shelton Dandridge | Eva Tuggle Hall |
| Maude Witt Godshall | G. T. Boaz, Jr.* |
| John Eldrin Carter | Fred H. Critz* |
| Clifford Cunningham* | Guy Mabe |
| J. Harvey Wingfield* | John H. Yeatts** |

High School at HRMS was a scurry from a chemistry classroom upstairs in the old grade school building, Home economics and typing in various areas in the "girl's dormitory," to agriculture classes in the basement of the auditorium.
I remember Sallie Via's attempts to get us to sing in harmony; Miss Martha Anthony putting a word on the board for us to learn to spell and define "antidisestablishmentarianism," I failed it, and Principal Shelton's confusion when leading us in the Lord's Prayer, getting it right after starting twice.
Eva Tuggle, our valedictorian, could cut out a dress one afternoon, sew it in the Home Economics department, and wear it to school the next day.
My Home Economics class was not a personal success. I put a sleeve in wrong so many times that it was four inches shorter than the other one.
Clifford Cunningham, our class president, made the best speech at graduation exercise! His made Eva's and mine, (I was salutatorian), sound like the amateurs we were.
HRMS had a lovely campus with grass and trees. Once a Maypole dance was performed on that appropriate green. And once Page and I were put "on campus" for forging a permission slip to attend the medicine show across the road!

Bili Shelton Ehmann

## Class of 1935



1st Row: Julia Trent, Ola Martin, Jessie Mae Ayers, Stafford Reynolds, Louise Clark, Eunice Martin, and Irene Grogan 2nd Row: Miss Jeannette Kessler, Miss Martha Anthony, Erna Martin, Edward Trull, Woodrow Foster, Beatrice Burgart, Mr. L.G. Shelton, Principal, Evelyn Dalton, Jim Stovall, Pauline Shough, Ruth Boaz, Miss Lola Gwynn, and Miss Maggie Joyce
3rd Row: Louise Gilley, Dorothy Williams, Joel Dalton, Mary Drue Anthony, Jean Gilley, Lena Nolen, Robert Tatum, Mattie Ruth Ayers, and Louise Spencer

Jessie May Ayers Vernon<br>Mary Drue Anthony*<br>Ruth Boaz Gilbert*<br>Louise Clark Reynolds<br>Evelyn Dalton Martin*<br>Jean Gilley Lawson<br>Louise Gilley Barrow*<br>Eunice Martin Smith Irene Grogan Fisher* Erna Martin Nance* Louise Spencer Hall* Lena Nolen Reed* Pauline Shough Plaster* Julia Trent Wingfield

Dorothy Williams Balasco*
Virgil Anthony*
Robert Lee Fulcher, Jr.*
Toney S. Reynolds
Thomas Trent*
Riley Edward Trull*

We remember the rides on buses with wooden bodies constructed by local people; the seats on each side and one in the center that sometimes turned over when going around curves; getting stuck in the mud and having to get out and walk and, sometimes, push!
One of us remembers entering fourth grade at HRMS in the middle of the session as the new kid on the block and the bewilderment of coming to a big school from a small three-room one. Our wonderful teacher, Mrs. Myrtle Hairfield, made the transition as easy as possible for me, though she was strict and expected much from her students.
Another year, nearly everyone in class took advantage of a very kind teacher who must have loved us too much to punish us!
Thirty-two of us entered high school, but we lost 12 along the way; only 20 graduated in 1935.
We recall the heartbreak of losing our home room teacher, Ben Shotwell, who left us during our freshman year. Other home room teachers were Miss Vassar Graham; Miss Martha Anthony, who taught our English class each year; and Miss Jeannette Kessler.
We will never forget the trips to Jimmy Lee Via's store at lunch time, whether we had any money to spend or not; we had very little, as those were depression years.
This would not be complete without mentioning our trip to The Pinnacles of Dan in April, 1934, to entertain the seniors and the terrific snowstorm up there.
One of our fondest memories is of the beautiful campus and buildings, and we regret that the present campus is not as pretty as "ours" was.

## Class of 1936



WHAT HRMS HAS MEANT TO ME: I came to HRMS from Meadows of Dan as a Senior in the fall of 1935. I boarded at the home of Mr. \& Mrs. Joe Critz, just a step and hop from the High School.
Entering a large school was very exciting. The first days of classes I met so many new people. (I was the new kid on the block.) Everyone was so friendly and so was the neighborhood. I was made welcome by everyone, and through the years, looking back, I made some lovely lifelong friends.
Since I was majoring in Business, I felt very appreciative of the fact that the R. J. Reynolds Family had made it possible for me to get a complete business education at HRMS. In life, it served me well.
Ruth Cock Nelson
Class of 1936 - HRMS


Margaret Trent Bracy*
Robert E. Tatum*
Bernard A. Turner
G. Bruce Spencer

Estelle Smith Joyce*
Ruth Adams Gunter*
Mattie Ruth Ayers Cross
Lucy Walton*
Eileen Yeatts Horton
Della Clark Hawks
Dennis Vernon*
Ola Martin Williams
Mary Cassady Pigg*


Boy's Basketball


Boy's Baseball

## Class of 1937



1st Row: Sadie Hazelwood, Estelle Brown, James Tatum, Iris Anglin, Virginia Tatum, Allie Sue Fulcher, and Katie Martin 2nd Row: Lennis Cockram, Annie Sue Gilley, Mabel Reynolds, Margaret Nowlin, Elizabeth Naylor, Evelyn Bingman, and Clarence Anthony
3rd Row: Willie Anthony, Richard Fulcher, Allen Gilley
We had a small class of only sixteen, twelve girls and four boys. One odd thing about our class was we had only four boys, and three of them were left handed.
Iris Anglin was class president. Allie Sue Fulcher was valedictorian. James H. Tatum, Jr. was salutatorian. Miss Mary Lee

Martin was class sponsor.

Girl's Basketball

Boy's Basketball


Annie Sue Gilley Wood Elizabeth Naylor Wright Estelle Brown Gilbert Clarence E. Anthony* Margaret Nowlin Ray* Evelyn Bingman James H. Tatum, Jr. Allen Gilley James H. Tatum, Jr.

Katie Martin Doss Allie Sue Fulcher Brown* Mabel Reynolds Clark Frances Martin Cooper Sadie Hazelwood* Iris Anglin Via* Willie Anthony Lillian Knight White Evans


Boy's Baseball

## Class of 1938



Our ride to school was on a bus with wooden seats, a long row of seats on each side and one in the center. Mr. Leonard Ayers built the bed for the bus. Sometimes when the bus got stuck in the mud on "Cooper's Hill," we got out, walked up the hill, then got back on the bus.
Gladys Vernon received the prize Mrs. Hairfield gave in fourth grade to the one who read the most books.
Our sixth grade was located on the lower floor of the girls' dormitory. Mrs. Fairy Ayers, our teacher, read to us from The Secret Garden; we could hardly wait for the next chapter!
Other memories: the "Giant Stride" on the playground behind the school, May Day with our dance around the May Pole, little recess in midmorning, and big recess at lunch time when we ate our packed lunches, as a fairy in an operetta, wearing a blue crepe paper dress with beautiful wings, marching from our classes to the auditorium for chapel and special programs, playing in the' rhythm band, playing basketball on the outdoor court; our special high school teachers, our Senior Banquet in Tuck's Palm Room in Stuart.

Ruth Trent Ruebush and Gladys Vernon Young


Girl's Basketball


Boy's Baseball

Beadie Corns Boliek Mary Ayers Mitchell Pauline Nolen Thomas Gladys Vernon Young Mildred Smith Thomas* Curtis P. Gardner, DDS James H. Grady* Charles G. Anthony

Irene Lawrence Smart Vera Baron Remsburg* Margaret Gilbert Fulcher* Ruth Trent Reubush Virginia Bradley Hodnett Laffon* S. Richard Fulcher* Otis Craddock Ralph Fulcher*


Boy's Basketball

## Class of 1939



Ralph Adams, Alvin Anthony, Penn Anthony, Thomas Anthony, Euodias Cockram, Conrad Foster, Ralph Fulcher, Randolph Gilley, R. A. Henderson, Jr., Beamon Hodges, Curtis Koger, Billy Leach, Fay Martin, Ruth Anthony, Elizabeth Bowles, Vera Cassell, Frances Critz, Grace Dalton, Dixie Dalton, Mary Fulcher, Ida Sue Gilley, Pauline Gunter, Irene Joyce, Florence Layman, Hazel Nelson, Lottie Nolen, Glenn Martin, J.C. Raper Jr., Allen Spangler, Ned Tatum, Thomas Thore, Waller Trull, Worley Purcell, Curtis Vernon, George Via, Beatrice Ore, Agnes Palmer, Louise Purcell, Florence Reynolds, Irvine Reynolds, Bessie Shelton, Lois Shelton, Mary Shelton, Mae Hattie Stovall, Mary Susan Tatum, Irene Wimbish

Ruth Anthony Dandridge* Ida Sue Gilley Loftis* Mary Divers Fulcher Martin*
Frances Critz Smith
Mary Irvine Reynolds Fasano
Agnes Palmer Luzadder*
Dixie Dalton Collins
Grace Dalton Martin
John R. Brown
James E. Spencer*
Samuel A. Cooper*
William Lawrence Walker, Sr.
James L. Via, Jr.
Glenn W. Martin*
Randolph Gilley*
P. Alvin Anthony*

Hazel Nelson Patterson
Louise Purcell Carver
Mary Susan Tatum Turner
Irene Joyce Hancock
Elizabeth Bowles Nephew*
Bessie Shelton Wright*
Florence Layman Wood
David Worley Purcell
Curtis Koger
Frank C. Spencer
George F. Via, Jr.
James C. Raper
George Grady*
James Curtis Vernon*
W. Penn Anthony

Our class consisted of 15 girls and 16 boys that were classmates and friends, whose goal was "Seek to be good, never great."

Frances Critz Smith

## Harmonica Band in 1930



## Rhythm Bands 1930s



## First Grade 1937



1st Row: Annie Brim, Barbara Welsh, Lenna Barbour, Rebecca Hylton, Jimmy Via, ? Hardy, ?Kendríck, Jeanne Wimbish, Ida Lee Dillion, Fidelia Corns, Annie Lee Hardy
2nd Row: Iris Hodge, Mary Wray, Bunny Handy, Shelburne Reynolds, Cooper Via, J.B. Hodges, ? Dillion, Leon Cooper, Charles Cummings, 3rd Row: Teacher, Edna Tatum, Marilyn Barbour, ?, Marie Slate, Virginia Hutcheson, Martha Nelson, Elmer Fulcher, Cassie Freeman, Marion Reynolds
4th Row: J.D. Rea, Jimmie Spencer, Homer Plaster, Fred Gilley, ? Fulcher, ? Brim, ?, ?

## Second Grade 1937



1st Row: Dorothy Vernon, Paul Corns, ?, Margaret Via, Willie Roop, Geneva Corns, Marie Cassell, Bill Bingman, Nellie Jarrett, Patsy Shelton 2nd Row: ?, ?, Junior Smart, Chariotte Brim, ?, Tom Fleet Hairston, Pearl Layman, Iris Freeman
3rd Row: Gene Smart, Mary Lawless, ?, Geraldine Roop, Junior Plaster, Ocie Deal, Bennie Nelson

## There's None As Dear As Reynolds

There's none as dear as Reynolds,
This old school 'neath the hills, Here where we get our learning, And we study with a will.

Here's where the Blue Ridge Mountains,
Line straight out to our view, Here where it's just delightful For the air is always pure.

Here where our sacred memory,
Will linger year to year,
And here's the friendship fondness,
Which we never wish to sear.
'Tis here our hopes are brightest,
Our teachers good and true,
It's dear old faithful Reynolds,
That will mold the world for you.

Now good old sacred Reynolds,
I'm bidding you adieu,
But then my dear old Reynolda,
I'll often pine for you.

Ella Griggs Trent

Mrs. Trent was the mother of seven graduates of HRMS; Floyd, Don, Fonrose, Thomas, Julia, Ruth and Charles.


## Class of 1940



Cathleen Vernon Pigg*
Jeanette Tatum Darne
Florence Reynolds Shelton
Eldean Vernon Shelton
Rosa Ellen Martin Griffin*
Joe Todd*
D. C. Craig

Robert Cox
Thomas A. Thore, Sr.
Waller Trull*

Willie Tatum Martin
Lera Craig Washburn
Ruth Bingman Dickerson
Ruby Adams Moorefield
Evelyn Stone Lewis
William A. Reynolds, Jr.
Elbert C. Fulcher
Ralph A. Vernon*
Alglie L. Spencer
Junior Moorefield*

In 1929 we started on a trip down the highways and byways of school membership. Hardin Reynolds Memorial was happy to let thirty-some in, but somewhere along the way we were reduced to twenty. Some dropped out or transferred along the way.
In1940 came graduation day. With our heads filled with knowledge we went our separate ways. Some of our class went on to higher education while some sought other successful careers. We would like to remember the six classmates who have passed on.

Algie Spencer


Girl's Basketball


Boy's Basketball

## Class of 1941



Margaret Shelburne Blane
Cornelia Layman Vernon
Maude Fulcher Hurd
Ruth Nowlin Wilson
Rives Koger
Anne R. Agel*
Emma S. Tatum Davis
Thelma Brim Craig*
Doris Corns Joyce
Douglas M. Anthony
William A. Leach*
Beatrice Ore Martin

Betty Ruth Critz Dominick*
Mary Cox Ray
Ivis Reynolds Hutcheson
Charlotte Fulcher Rorrer
Gae Purcell Saville
Henry D. Martin
Mae Newman Joyce*
Virginia Via Allman
Daphne East Lowery*
Allie Mae Belton Shockley
Arlene Wood Smith
Ira Trull*

The class of 1941 had high ideas and dreams, not knowing that World War II would interfere with some members of our class. Jimmy Price was our class sponsor and English teacher. His grammar was perfect, and he expected his students to speak correctly. He drove an old car which he referred to as "Hootin' Annie."
Margaret Shelburne was class valedictorian. There was not much excitement at HRMS until David Taylor transferred from a Roanoke School. Besides his being handsome, he could sing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" like we had never heard before. Another transfer, Henry Martin, who came from Stuart High School, was a great addition to the athletic program. Betty Ruth Critz will always be remembered for her musical talent, especially how she could play the piano. Mrs. Eddie Penn Tatum should be given credit for teaching many students in our class.
On occasions, our class enjoyed going to the auditorium to see a movie. Billy Leach was in charge of the projector and other equipment.
Girls enrolled in home economics classes were taught by Madeline Martin, who inspired me to become a Home Economics teacher.
Douglas Anthony has been true to his Alma Marter by attending the HRMS Alumni banquet almost every year since graduation.
Many of our class members are deceased, others have located out of Patrick County. Fond memories still linger as I reminisce about my classmates and our years at Hardin Reynolds Memorial School.

Virginia Via Allman

## Class of 1942



1st Row: Clyde Brown, Arnold Smith, Thomas Tatum, Carleen Roop, Alvis Joyce, Junior Harbour
2nd Row: Doris Wood, Beatrice Freeman, Margaret Tatum, Crystal Fulcher, Nannie Sue Martin, Demris
Wood, Goldie Plaster
3rd Row: Charles Trent, J.D Barbour, J.P. Sarbour, Frank Tatum, Ray Vernon, Jack Shelton
J. D. Barbour*

Druie Junior Harbour Jack Shelton* Charles F. Trent Thomas C. Tatum, Jr.* Clyde Brown Beatrice Freeman Shelton Goldie Plaster Locke Margaret Tatum Demris Wood Holt

J. P. Barbour<br>Alvis Joyce<br>Frank W. Tatum*<br>Kenneth Ray Vernon<br>Nannie Sue Martin Burton*<br>Arnold Smith<br>Crystal Fulcher Stacks*<br>Carleen Roop Wright<br>Doris Wood Holt

When our freshman class entered HRMS in the Fall of 1938, school funds were so limited that one year we had to pay to ride the school buses and use the typewriters. Yet, upon reflection, it was a serene and uneventful time. Our Junior year, however, brought drastic changes. The United States began drafting all able-bodied men 21 and over into the Service. Rationing began, affecting all activities. Early into our senior year, Pearl Harbor was bombed and we were suddenly into World War II. We had no yearbook, since transportation was limited to business; hence, no driving to solicit ads. No Junior-Senior Prom, just an informal dinner and dancing to a jukebox. The biggest impact on our class was when the drafting of 18 -year-olds began. Soon after graduation, male classmates had to put their lives on hold and go to war. Unfortunately, one of them, Frank Tatum, did not return.

Goldie Plaster Locke

## Class of 1943



Steated: Amos Trull, Strother Shelton*, Thomas Eddie Tatum, Sponsor - Ruth Trent, Anderson Jessie*, Maxwell Anthony and Neil Reynolds*
1st Row: Lillian Lawless, Thelma Taylor, Dorothy Koger, Louise Critz*, and Hallie Anthony 2nd Row: Stover Terry, Thomas Bingman*, Ralph Palmer*, Ralph Grogan, Sam Hairston, Wallace Nelson and William Tatum*
3rd Row: Elva Reynolds, Annie Fulcher, Vivian Reynolds, Annie Sue Martin*, Elsie Hopkins and Rebecca Quesinberry*

The HRMS graduating class of 1943 began the first grade in the front left room of the old grade school building in 1932, with teacher Miss Margery Phipps. By 1936, we had 37 in the class, ranging in age from 10 to 16. We were in high school during the World War II years and saw brothers Fred and Jimmy Price go into military service, leaving their teaching positions. Two of our classmates, Ralph Palmer and Thomas Bingman, gave their lives in service. Thomas, a bellygunner in the 8th Air Force, was shot down over Germany in August, 1944, on his third mission. Ralph went down with his ship, a yard mine-sweeper, off Okinawa, September, 1945, during a typhoon. It is suspected this small ship was not warned of the approaching storm.
Our senior class play, "Everything Happens to Us." was presented May 8, 1943. Admission was 15 and 25 cents plus tax. Sunday morning, May 30, 1943, our Commencement Sermon was given by Methodist minister Rev. Wilson Stanley, who spoke on the subject, "Dimes or Diamonds."
The following night, Monday, May 31, 1943, thirteen boys and eleven girls marched into the Will Reynolds Auditorium and onto the stage to receive diplomas from Principal Raymond Horatio Rickman. During this ceremony, Valedictorian Annie Fulcher, Salutatorian Elva Reynolds and Historian Thelma Taylor gave speeches. C.J.M. Kyle was superintendent of Patrick County Schools at this time, and Ruth Trent, just out of Madison College, was our class sponsor.

Thomas Eddie Tatum

## Class of 1944



Charles E. Thomas Lorene Nelson Bryant Margery Boaz Dull Clayton Cummings* Helen McKamey Taylor

Dorothy Ayers Dean* James E. Hodges Lucille Biggs Roberts Thomas Guy Craddock Ruth Trent (Sponsor)


In the fall of 1940, thirty-eight young people entered the freshman class of HRMS. But wartime jobs, military service, and normal drop-outs took a heavy toll. Only nine members graduated in May, 1944.
Dorothy Ayers and Clayton Cummings are deceased. Margery Boaz Dull has retired as a receptionist at a dental office in Roanoke.Lucille Biggs Tickle is retired from a department store in Greensboro. Helen McKamey Taylor is retired from United Elastic and lives in Patrick. Lorene Nelson Bryant worked at Mick or Mack and lives in Patrick. Guy Craddock is a retired rural mail carrier and lives in Patrick. Charles Thomas, a VPI graduate, is a retired physicist and lives in Dayton, Ohio. Jimmie Hodges, a Radford College graduate with a Masters Degree from U. Va, is a forty-two year veteran in the field of education and lives in Roanoke.
Our members have done well, for which we are all thankful.
Jimmie Hodges

## Class of 1945



Contrary to popular belief, there was a graduating class in 1945. I had dropped out of school after my sophomore year in 1942 and returned to school November, 1943, for my junior year. However, due to the addition of eighth grade, I was the only junior, so I had to take my classes with the seniors; then, my senior year I had classes with the juniors. That left me all alone for graduation exercises, as Billy Hall, the other person receiving a diploma, was in the navy. A young fellow, Bruce Ayers, dressed in a navy uniform, received Billy's diploma.
For graduation, I wore a white evening gown and silver evening slippers that I had worn in the Miss Patrick County Beauty Pageant. Students in grades I through 7 honored me by the performance of a beautiful operetta. Also, the juniors gave me a surprise wiener roast at Carter's Pond at Patrick Springs. What a thrill!
And oh, yes, I got through my speech scared half to death. It was all very exciting to me!

Crystal Nelson McNeely

When Billy and I married 30 years ago, one of the first Hall family stories I heard was about Billy's trip to New York City that ultimately led to his becoming the property of the U.S. Navy. It seems that he had taken an electronics course in New York for six weeks. After completing the course, he operated a rather successful radio repair shop in a building just across from Hardin Reynolds School.

In time, because he scored so high on a random test in electronics, he had the opportunity again to go to New York for further testing. It was on this occasion that Billy met a young man from New York, and the two of them decided that it would be a good thing for them to join the Navy. I quote Billy, "I was so afraid the war would be over before I could get in."

The problem began when Billy did not show up back at Critz at the appointed time and never bothered to let his mother know that he was flying off to Chicago, not to mention the fact that he did not carry a coat and this was in the middle of the winter. To say Mrs. Hall was upset would be an understatement. When the subject would come up at family dinners, she told us in no uncertain terms just how upset she was. Why, she attempted to call the president to announce her displeasure
 that anyone would take her son into the Navy without her permission!

Her next course of action was to summon Mr. Rickman, the principal at Hardin Reynolds, over for a talk. Bill's sister, Frances, tells me that Mrs. Hall invited him out on the porch and again was not too happy when Mr. Rickman reminded her that, after all, Billy must have wanted to go. Well, in any event, that was the beginning of Billy's stint in the U.S. Navy where he completed two years of college credits in engineering and used his knowledge in electronics to inspect submarines. During his tour of duty, he was stationed in Chicago and Guam. I believe he was in Guam when Bruce Ayers accepted his high school diploma from Hardin Reynolds.

Respectfully Submitted by Wife, Mary John Hall

## Class of 1946



Eldean Brown Smith Madeline Fulcher Smith* Paul Reynolds Claudia Purcell Young Frances Rea Nelson Arthur Guy Shockley Bruce Via* Pauline Cockram Turner* Frances Knight Reynolds* Geneva Layman Smith* Ilene Spencer Graham Billy Jeff Nelson
R. L. Trull

Charles Cunningham

Our elementary years at HRMS were marked with some dedicated teachers, most notably Miss Waller and Mrs. Hairfield. We were the first eighth grade class when we gained more people from elementary schools. High school was composed of baseball and basketball with some books included. We were identified by an independent, nonconformist attitude, which endures to this day.

Arthur Guy Shockley


Baseball

## Class of 1947



1st Row: Dorothy Hutchens, Virginia Haley, Patsy Lee Nelson
2nd Row: Frances Hall, Irene Cooper, Alpha Freeman, Coleen Fulcher, Mary Lee Gilley, Garnett Handy, Dorothy Bingman, Frances Martin, Myrtle Leach, Hazel Craig, Jane Fulcher 3rd Row: Lincoln Craddock, Philip Cooper, David Ayers, Howard Corns, Eldon Shough, Mrs. Nannie Ruth Cooper Terry, Terry Gilley - Standing: Jimmy Price

The Class of '47 had twenty-three graduates, four of whom had returned to school following their military service during World War II. Valedictorian of the class was Garnet Handy, and Salutatorian Terry L. Gilley. Senior class sponsors were teachers Mrs. Nannie Ruth Terry and Mr. James W. Price. They, along with other teachers and school principal, Mr. R. H. Rickman, offered the challenge to "Either Find a Path or Make One." This was our class motto. Those paths have led in many different directions, but always with good memories of years spent at HRMS.

Coleen Fulcher Shough

David Ayers*
Philip Cooper
Lincoln Craddock
Eldon Shough
Fred K. Williams
Dorothy Bíngman Nelson
Hazel Craig Wright
Jane Fulcher Sealey
Thelma Corns Thornton*
Frances Hall Gilley
Dorothy Hutchens Dollarhite
Frances Martin

Moir Bingman
Howard C. Corns
Terry Gilley
Coleen Fulcher Shough
Alex L. Spencer
Irene Cooper Wyatt
Alpha Freeman Campbell
Mary Lee Gilley Jessie
Virginia Haley Quesenberry
Garnett Handy Moore
Myrtle Leach Crews

## Class of 1948



Home Room Teacher: Jimmy Price
1st Row: Mary Cummings, Margaret Via, Nancy Lee Moorefield, Ora Pilson, Dorothy Vernon and Richard Anthony 2nd Row: Freida Fulcher, Lorene Stone, Eva Mae Martin, Clarence Critz, Jimmy Brown and Maynard Gilley 3rd Row: Iris Freeman, Lois Goard, Lucille Plaster, Gene Smart, Leland Martin and Robert Zentmeyer 4th Row: Tom Fleet Hairston, Benny Nelson, Richard Tatum, Junior Plaster, James Jarrett and Junior Smart Not Pictured: Gladys Burnette

Richard M. Anthony
Gene D. Smart
Richard C. Tatum*
Ora Mae Pilson Hylton
Lois Goard Plaster
Gladys Burnette Bryant*
Lucille Plaster Meeks
Lorene Stone Law
Robert Leath Zentmeyer*
James L. Brown*
Eddie R. Plaster, Jr.
Dorothy Vernon Shockley

Grover C. Smart, Jr.
Thomas F. Hairston
Freida Fulcher Grogan
Margaret Via Vipperman
Mary Cummings
Clarence R. Critz
Eva Mae Martin Lee
Nancy Lee Moorefield
Benny Ray Nelson
James R. Jarrett
Maynard H. Gilley*
Iris Freeman Puckett

Some memories of HRMS are: visits by Mrs. Annie D. Tompkins giving out bars of soap, toothbrushes, etc.; fun time during recess; getting tickled in a play; messing up my lines and causing Mr. Price to pull his hair; in trouble for eating all the chocolate chips intended for making cookies in Home Economics; piano lessons, recitals and always wishing I could play as well as my friend, Dorothy Vernon.

Margaret Via Vipperman

## Class of 1949



1st Row: Juanita Campbell, Martha Jane Nelson, Marian Reynolds, Cassie Freeman, Pearl Grady, Mary Taylor 2nd Row: Emogene Gilley, Reves Handy, Maxine Burnette, Jeanne Wimbish, Rebecca Hylton (graduated at Schoolfield), Mildred Stone
3rd Row: Jimmy Via, Cooper Via, Helen Ann Horne, Shelburne Reynolds, Ophus Robertson, (picture taken in ' 48 as Juniors)

Emogene M. Gilley Dillon Pearl M. Grady Richardson Mary Taylor Creasey Maxine Burnette Gee Martha Jane Nelson Harris Allen L. Koger Marian (Peggy) Reynolds Martin
Edna Earl Rea Campbell Ophus Robertson* Irene Custer Bradley Reves Handy Corn

Jeanne W. Rakes<br>Shelburne Reynolds<br>Juanita Campbell Johnson<br>T. Cooper Via<br>J. Cornelius Stovall<br>Leland M. Martin<br>Cassie Freeman Martin<br>Helen Ann Horne Corns*<br>Robert W. Tatum<br>James T. Via*

Franklin Delano Roosevelt had become the first and only U. S. president to be elected to a third term when the Class of 1949 began first grade in the depression year of 1937. We remember starting public school education "excited, happy, fearful, tearful, and timid, not knowing what to expect or what was expected of us." They also remember riding "a funny looking school bus..." Eighth grade was a different building and another world. We "knew our lives would never be the same," they recall. Their year book, The Echo, was the first one published after World War II. Remember what was in the basement of the high school building? Martha Jane, Pearl and Jeanne do, and your memories can be boosted by turning to Memories, page 91. That committee even shares "wonderful memories of chapel in the auditorium..."

Martha Nelson Harris, Pearl Grady Richardson, Jeanne Wimbish Rakes

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# Annie Dobyns Reynolds Tompkins 



Wade Nelson is among hundreds who remember visits by Mrs. Annie Dobyns Reynolds Tompkins to Hardin Reynolds classes. "She'd visit our class and ask, 'What's the name of your school?" Wade wrote in his twelve years of memories as a Class of 1956 member. "We'd yell back in unison, 'Critz!"
"No, no, no," Wade remembers her correction, before she continued with "Boys and girls, it's Hardin Reynolds."

The school became Hardin Reynolds Memorial April 23, 1927, named for Ms. Tompkins' father-in-law. Her first husband, Harbour Reynolds, was one of sixteen children born to Hardin and Nancy Jane Cox Reynolds. Eight of the children, which also included Richard Joshua (R.J.), survived to adulthood, according to Patrick Reynolds (R.J.'s grandson) in The Gilded Leaf, a book he wrote with Tom Shachtman and Little, Brown published more than a dozen years ago. Will Reynolds, one of the younger sons, loaned his name to the Future Farmers of America chapter at Hardin Reynolds. He also donated the gymnasium after being contacted by Nannie Ruth Cooper Terry, the wife of N.C. Terry, vocational agriculture teacher and later principal at Hardin Reynolds.

A son of Abram and Polly Harbour Reynolds, Hardin was only one generation removed from Scotch/rish Methodists families who came from Northern Virginia and Pennsylvania to settle in Patrick County. Abram's brothers went west. His younger son (David) became ill and died after an 1836 trip to barter bacon and tobacco for sugar, coffee, wine, brandy and dry goods to resell. David's death, at the age of 25, and Abram's death a year later (1837), left Hardin the sole owner of a thousand-acre estate and a thriving chewing tobacco business. After five years, Hardin married eighteen-year old Nancy Jane who lived just beyond the North Carolina line, a two-day ride from Rock Spring, the Reynolds home. Hardin was relatively unlettered, but his bride is said to have written a beautiful hand, She also could play the piano and sing. The older sons, Abram and R. J., attended a private school that Hardin supported. Entering students had to be eight years old, and school was in session for only eighty days.

Annie Dobyns was a schoolteacher when she married Harbour Reynolds, who, according to The Gilded Leaf, graduated from an agricultural college. According to the same source, Harbour's brothers and sisters were schooled in what is today termed higher education. Abram, the eldest son, applied to Virginia Military Institute after Christmas 1862, but the school had no room for him until 1863. In 1867, he went to Bryant and Stratton Business College in Baltimore. R. J. was enrolled two times at Emory and Henry, before going to Bryant and Stratton. Walter and Will attended King's College in Bristol, and Walter completed advanced courses at Randolph-Macon College. Mary Joyce went to Salem Female Academy, a Moravian boarding school in North Carolina, and Lucy Burroughs attended Sullins College near Bristol.

Ms. Tompkins, to say the very least, was well acquainted with education, and the 1940 annual was dedicated to her. She funded the Lucy Reynolds Music Class, in memory of a daughter who died in 1929. Forty-three of the smallest members were selected each year for the Lucy Reynolds Rhythm Band, which was directed by students, one of whom was Thomas Eddie Tatum, a current school board member. The Lucy Reynolds Harmonica Band was organized in 1933-34. A colorful and easily remembered person, Ms. Tompkins had a gold tooth that was quite visible while she was talking or laughing, and she never was in public without dangling gold earrings. She resorted frequently to "Ahh me," which was recalled by another Hardin Reynolds alumnus. "I was helping Valley Penn gather rocks from fields and ground slide them to another location," the alumnus remembered. "Valley, an African-American tenant, was not known for fast moving or fast working. The alumnus remembered Ms. Tompkins saying, "Ahh me, Valley. Just drop them. Don't count them,"

The Hardin Reynolds class visits often were the occasions for passing out manufacturer's soap and toothpaste samples, with the "Cleanliness is next to Godliness" admonition. Singing to Mrs. Tompkins was a regular feature of class visits. Former students probably welcome reminders of their lack of shyness with
"We'll sing to Mrs. Tompkins, Mrs. Tompkins, Mrs. Tompkins.
"We'll sing to Mrs. Tompkins, for we love her so.
"For she is a daisy, and we are just crazy about Mrs. Tompkins, for we love her so."
This tribute attempt hopes to be an indication that we are still grateful, Mrs. Tompkins, and we still love you so.


## Class of 1950



1st. Row: Margaret Spencer Bocock, Gaynelle Durham Amos, Audrey Wray Richardson, Tressie Cassell Cooper, Lenna Barbour Martin, Inis Roark*

2nd Row: Lena Fulcher Amos, Mary Martin Corns, Bernice Smith Moore, Edith Sheppard Joyce, Vera Pilson Turner
3rd Row: J.B. Hodges, Tom Corns, Bill Bingman, Jessie Roark

4th Row: Phil Hagan, Clyde Nelson, Paul Corns, Charles Cummings
5th Row: Henry Hill, Fred Gilley, Bobby Leach, Ralph Stovall
6th Row: Marshall Hail, Junior Turner, J.P. Via, David Tatum, Leon Cooper
Not Pictured: Helen Reynolds, Marie Slate


Fifty Years Later


Baseball

The Class of 1950 graduated 30 members. Since our graduation we have lost to death, 7 members, Inis Roark, Charles Cummings, Henry Hill, Ralph Stovall, Bobby Leach, Marshall Hall, and Edith Sheppard.
Since we graduated, we have had four class reunions. Our first reunion was held in 1990 at the V.F.W. Post 7800 in Patrick Springs. A reunion was held at the home of Junior and Shelby Turner, another at the home of Clyde and Betty Nelson. Our last reunion was held at Dear Old H.R.M.S. All of these get togethers were thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

In 1996 our class decided to start a scholarship fund to award to deserving students. To date we have awarded 10 scholarships for a total of $\$ 3,700$. We are very proud of our scholarship fund and those that have received them.
Very few of us have ventured far from home. Most of us have settled in Patrick and Henry Counties. As a whole, we are very close and really care for each other. Only two members of our class are married to each other,. they are Tressie Cassell and Leon Cooper.
It would be so wonderful to see everyone attend the banquet this year.

Mary Martin Corns


Basketball

## Class of 1951



1st Row:Vivian Virginia Roop, Barbara Juanita Burnette, Margaret Mabelle Compton, Mildred Louise Turner, Eldean Icy Stovall, Barbara Virginia Bolejack, Maudie Gerdean Roop, Hattie Martin Turner
2nd Row: Lillie Mae Fulcher, Barbara Jean Edwards, James Edward Justice, Joe David Cobbler, Wilbur Douglas Campbell, Lucille Fulcher, Jolene Martin Robertson
3rd Row: George Elwood Joyce, Lenwood Cecil Spencer, Joseph James Martin, Frank Staley Tatum, Douglas Weldon Cooper, William James Epperley, Isaac Lester Sheppard.
Not pictured: William Hurst Barbour
Remember when: The parties Mrs. Bili Ehmann gave our class at her home? The square dances Mr. Terry had in the library for the FFA and the FHA.? The night that the FFA and the FHA had a wiener roast at the picnic shelter at Fairystone Park and a very bad storm came up? Cornelius Stovall drove a school bus so everyone could go. After he left Ralph Bowles off on the way home, he had to turn the bus around. The water had gotten out of the creek banks, so Ralph Stovall pulled off his shoes, rolled his pant legs above his knees, waded out into the water and directed his brother on turning the bus around. Myrtle Leach and Mildred Huddle carried the seniors to UVA to a football game? The 8th grade FHA and FFA initiation? Our Junior and Senior banquet at the Astor Cafe? The good food that Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Byrd served us in the cafeteria?
The class of 1951 had 23 members. The highlight that year was probably the finest year for the baseball team. Not only did they have an excellent regular season, but went on to win the District "R" Championship. J.W. Bittle was the coach of the team. Four of our classmates were on the team.

Hattie Martin Turner \& Douglas W. Cooper


William H. Barbour
James E. Justice
J. D. Cobler

George E. Joyce
Frankie Tatum
William Epperly
Joseph J. Martin
Margaret Compton Stovall
Barbara Bolejack Brown
Eldean Stovall*
Gerdean Roop
Blankenship
Lillie Fulcher Wiggington*

Douglas W. Cooper Barbara Burnette Morris Hattie Martin Turner Mildred Turner Stone Lenwood Cecil Spencer Isaac Sheppard* Wilbur Campbell* Barbara Jean Edwards Hopkins
Jolene Martin Robertson Vivian Roop Rutlidge Lucille Fulcher Wyatt

## Class of 1952



Left to right: Row 1: Mascots Kathryn Anthony. Larry Brown: Row 2: Mae Reynolds Holoman. Elaine Nicholson Corns. Barbara Lee Martin Hanes, Christine Wimbish Pratt, Carol Dean Lawson, Dana Quesinberry Markham, Jackie Manor Baker; Row 3: Mary Lou Worley, Claudia Layman Dillon, Betty Jane Plaster*, Lillian Doss Hall*, Dae Reynolds Williams, Ruby Lee Vernon Clark, Charles David Staples; Row 4: Billy H. Nelson, Eret Lee Ayers, Bruce Ayers*, Shelburne Bowles, Jimmy East, William (Bud) Justice* Oliver Roark; Row 5: Russell Roberts Tudor, James D (Jimmy) Wood*, Frank Stone, Charles L. Smart, Glen Stovall, Clarence Hall, Grady Moir Foley — Not Pictured: Thomas Hylton*


Girl's Basketball


Baseball

I have very good memories of Hardin Reynolds Memorial School. There were 12 of our class that started in the first grade together. We added students in the 7th grade from nearby grade schools and more later from other schools. I enjoyed going back to school in the fall, as I grew up on a tobacco farm and had to work hard in the summer.
I remember eating in the lunch room and they served thick slices of bologna that I didn't like; however, I liked most of the lunches especially Mary Hodges' biscuits.
We enjoyed the FFA - FHA parties. our PJ parties at Dana Q's, our Junior-Senior Banquet at the Club Martinique and many other activities.
Our class was always very close and have had many reunions. In the last 10 years we have met every 2 years with our spouses at the Dutch Inn Restaurant at Martinsville for a meal and to reminisce. This year is our 50th reunion.

Ruby Vernon Clark


Basketball

## Class of 1953



1st Row: Alice Tatum Price, Sallie Ruth Rogers Tatum, Kathleen Hyton Pigg, Ralph Bowles, Valeria Ann Shively Nelson, Garnet Hundley Waddill 2nd Row: Frances Bingman Ashburn, Frances Mabe, Herman Roark, Betty Ingram Layman, Dora Critz Brown 3rd Row: Thelma Cauley Cassell, Richard Bocock, Alberta Stovall Shelton, Calvin Shockley, Leona Purcesll Cobbler*
4th Row: Penn Zentmeyer, Ted Lee Rea, Elwood Martin, Delano Doss. Not Pictured: Iris Hall Flowers
The class of 1953 began school with the onset of World War II and graduated during the Korean War (June 3, 1953). We had 21 class members to graduate with six of them completing the 12 years together. At graduation, Mr. C.W. Woodroof was principal and Mrs. Bili Ehmann was class sponsor. During our twelve years, we were joined by students from the smaller schools in the County, including Patrick Springs, Via, Big A and others. Unfortunately, many students dropped out of high school to "get


Girl's Basketball married," as married or pregnant students could not attend school at that time. Several of these students later returned or received GED's. Two students, Leona Purcell Cobler and Elwood Martin are deceased. At this time, most of our classmates are retired; several have severe health problems. At least 13 are living in the general area. None of us "set the world on fire," but we become self-supporting citizens. After high school, we scattered, some to college, several married and remained in the area to raise their families; others enrolled in services. While many of us live in the area, some of our group ended up in California and other distant areas. Now, most of us are enjoying our grandchildren, great grandchildren, our homes, gardening and volunteer work.

Alice Tatum Price


Boy's Basketball


Boy's Baseball

## Class of 1954



Frances Cassell Mason, Elizabeth Clifton Adkins, Blanche Cochram Williams, Carol Cooper DeBruhl, Louise Craig Lineberry, Ethylene Edwards Nelson, Marie Foley Deshazo, Betty Justice Anderson, Shirley Mabe Roark, Nancy Nelson Wood, Norma Nelson Plaster*, Doris Ratliff Eggleston, Glenda Martin, Ann Sheppard Prado, Louise Slate Dillon, Peggy Ross Turner, Arthur Ayers, Fred Brown, Stafford Cassidy, Kennon Clark, William East, Robert C. Foley, Troy Goard, Hallie Cochram Brown, W. Curtis Hall, Hardin Hopkins, S. Roger Reynolds, Harold Smart, John G. Staples


Girl's Basketball


Boy's Basketball

The class of 1954 thought we were special until our principal, Mr. Woodroof, moved the senior home room from the high school building to a room in the girls dormitory, which was across from the cafeteria's food storage room. We soon overcame and enjoyed cans of peaches and pears all year, unbeknown to Mrs. Hodge. The highlight that year was when our classmate was crowned "Miss HRMS." Nice going, Shirley! We all had a great time at "Ole HRMS" and are very proud to have been a part of its history.

Carol Cooper DeBruhl


Baseball

## Class of 1955



Sue Reynolds Smart, Loritta Barbour Murphy, Natalie Carol Tudor, John D. Plaster, Jr., Machel Biggs, Geroge W. Joyce*, Hoyte L. Nelson, James Lloyd Stone, Lonnie E. Stone, Frances Bryant Martin, Everlene Craig Helms, Shirley Lee Mabe*, Daniel Lee Tatum, Drue Reynolds Hurd, Shirley Barbour Caviness, Sara Anne Rea Rakestraw, Eunice Roark Robertson, William D. Hudson, Jr., C. B. Mills, Jr.*, Billy Via Stone, James Lee Tuggle, Doris Jefferson Stone, Margaret Cummings Ullrich, Jean Hylton, Maxine Rogers Howell, Shirley Via Barbour

In the fall of 1943 , too young to realize what it meant to be engaged in World War II conflict, approximately 35 excited students entered the never-to-be-forgotten halls of HRMS. We were greeted by Miss Maude Tudor who nurtured us through first grade. We have vivid memories of the sand box in the corner of the room and the "cloak room". Only ten of the students who entered first grade went on to graduate from HRMS.
Our second grade teacher was Miss Margaret Waller, and Mrs. Carlyne Cooper was third grade teacher. Fourth grade brought excitement when sometime during the school year Miss Thelma Taylor became Mrs. Perry Smart. Mrs. Mamie Zentmeyer, fifth grade teacher, Miss Eva Sheppard, sixth grade, and Miss Pearl Brown, seventh, all helped to get us


Girl's Basketball ready for the big move to high school. Making this move meant only moving to another building. We began our freshman year with 43 students. By our sophomore year we had lost six classmates making only 37 tenth graders. Our junior class consisted of 32 members. Twenty five of these students went on to graduate high school in 1955.

Mr. C.W. Woodroof was principal at the time of our graduation.
We all remember going to Jimmie Lee Via's store for lunch when ten cents would buy a coke and nabs. We would sit on the rock wall and enjoy the one-hour lunch break. Recess time, FFA/FHA parties, ball games, class plays, receiving and exchanging class rings, and Junior/Senior Proms are all good memories of our high
 school days.
Since graduation we have lost three classmates, Billy Joyce, Shirley Mabe, and C. B. Mills. We feel fortunate to have shared so many happy times with them.

Rita Barbour Murphy


## Class of 1956




Girl's Basketball


Baseball

Cuba Shelton Benfield, Jr.
Tobe Martin Clark
Gale Manor
Wayne Purcell
Fred N. Smart
Travis D. Witt
Pauline Craig Ratliff
Lillian Hundley Moore Hale Marie Ingram Ramsey*
Pauline Hall Rakes
Mary Evelyn Purcell Adams*
Ruth Roark Handy
Clarice Trent Williams
Emily Umbarger Hartzell
Ray Sheppard
Royal Clay Burgart
Robert Hall
G. Wade Nelson

Clay W. Rea
Jimmy Taylor
Linda Ayers Vinson
Gwen Hewitt Adams
Joye Hylton Nelson
Frances Keffer Stone Jean Mills Bouldin Louise Reynolds Johnson Doris Stowe Corn Louise Wright Ruddle Virginia Via Roberson

Wade Nelson remembers twelve years of school as a continuing series of surprises, challenges, frustrations and steady advancement. Although Wade and his fellow 1944 first graders had to learn the alphabet forward and backward, that near useless knowledge became preparation for meeting dictionaries in the fifth grade. Learning also could offer a surprising catch: Using the library was fun, but the Dewey Decimal System had to be learned. The results of Wade's enviable memory may be read on Memories, page 92.


Boy's Basketball

## Class of 1957



## Class of 1958



Mack Craddock, Jr. Helen Via Puckett Mary Frances Tatum Spencer
Dollie Gilley McNabb
Jesse Bryant
Inez Shelton Carter Carson Hopkins
Bill Layman
J. E. Maxey

Leon Ratliff
Sceney Dare Doss Boyd
Frances Gunter Moss Margaret Martin Shelton Arlene Nelson Conway Maude Trent Skinnell Ann Wright Turner

Nancy Cooper Howell
Winfred Clark Smith
J. E. Cobbler

Edward Bocock
Leon N. Carter
Lindsey Carter
Woody Keffer
Paul G. Layman
Coy Tatum
Robert Alan Witt
Maxine Edwards Handy
Sue Hylton Gilley
Phyllis Martin Barbour
Patsy Shough McDaniel Nancy Wimbish Holcomb

The class of '58 never won any trophies nor any tournaments, but we were a close and fun class. Our meeting place was the big beautiful campus.
Thirty-one members and 43 years later, all are still living. Remarkable!
Our trip to Washington, when we were juniors, with the senior class, was one of our most memorable events. We will never forget the annual staff trip to collect ads, our pajama parties (even as seniors).
Also, we will always remember the great cooks in the "lunch room." Our class always wanted to be last in the lunch line, because we got everything that was left brought out in bowls, and plates of good hot biscuits.
Our classmate, Ann Wright, was chosen Miss HRMS in 1958.

Winnie Clark Smith


## Class of 1959



Rebecca Byrd Strokesberry, Carolyn Legge Andrews, Judith Brown Knight, Peggy Wright Stone, Faralina Hancock Conway, Patricia Goard Lea, Mary Lou Bowles Stone, Ralph Reynolds*, Paul Gilley, David Nelson, Linwood Mabe, Cornelia Barbour Tatum, Wilmer Biggs Deal, Carolyn Hoyle Gorman, Ruby Via Walker, Leonard Wright*, William Hawks, Margie Bowles Witt*, Chester S. Turner, Wasena Conway, Norman Biggs,


Girl's Basketball
Boy's Basketball



Cheerleaders
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## Congratulations -- Seniors of H. R. M. S., '50



Top row: left to right-Mary Martin, Salutatorian and Seeretary-
年 treasurer; Edith Sheppard, Henry Hill, Valedletorian and Business Manager of "Pack-Rat"; Inls Roak, Bobby Leaeh, Lenna Barbour, Gaynelle Durham Amos. Second row: Charles Cummings, Clyde Nelson, Berniee Smith, J, P. Vla, President of Class; Lena Fuleher,

Fred Gilley, Edltor of "Pack-Rat"; Philip Hagan, Thlrd row: Herbert Corns, Audree Wray, J. B, Hodges, Tressle Casseli, Leon Cooper, Vera Pilson, Paul Corns. Fourth row; Marshall Hali, Marie Slate, Junlor Turner, Jessle Roak, Ralph Stovail, Margaret Bocoek, David Tatum.

## THANKS JUNIORS

I would like to take this opportunity to express to the Junior Class the pleasure 1 thas been to me to be a member of their group, the pride I have taken in being the presiding offieer of the elass, and my appreciation of all the elass has done for me. I couid never express my thanks for the handsome gifts you gave me. They were eertainiy unexpeeted and $I$ am afraid undeserved, but I want you to know that no other gifts wiil ever mean quite as much to me as yours. So thank you again and agaln

Fred Gilley

## SENIOR ROLL CALL

Gaynelle Amos:
Here is one both sweet and swell, Lenna Barbour:

## Our Gaynelie

She'li make a name playing Any instrument you please, Espeelally the piano
Or the typewriter keys Bill Bingman:
He may not be as tali as some But he tops them all $\ln$ wit, bygum!
Margaret Bocock:
That complexion! Those eyes That hair!
Wait, television-she'll be there!
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## our regrets

The students and faculty of H . R. M. S. regret losing some of the important spokes of our "faculty wheel", with the passing of this sehool year
To Mr, D, J, Horne, our princlpal, we wish to say "thank you for your excellent leadershlp and personal guidance, It has been very pleasant knowing you these three years. As you leave we wish to express our slneere thanks and wish you the best of luck. We trust that you will find your work enjoyabie and we hope to know you soon as, Dr, Horne. Above ali wherever you go, we hope that you wlll always find the fish

## OUR THANKS

The staff of the Pack-Rat wishes to express It's tnanks to Mrs, Ehmann for glving us a school paper this year. We deeply appreelate all that she has been to the Pack-Rat, and will misss her very much as she leaves,
If the Pack-Rat is published next year, we hope to be able to maintain your school paper just as Mrs, Ehmann has started 1 t, for has it not been for her untlring efforts the Paek-Rat could never existed.
bitting fine."
We feel that misfortune has
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## GALLOPING POLL OF OPINION

Name: Mildred Huddle
Pet Hate: Unjust Criticism Favorite Song: "Sentimental Me"

Favorite Food: Steak
Pet Pastime: Dancing
Ambition: Home Maker
Dream Man: Jimmy Stewart
Worst Habit: Pessimistic
Most Disliked Job: Ironing
Name: Sally Rogers
Pet Hate: Teasing
Favorite Song: "Quick Silver"
Favorite Food: Potato Salad
Pet Pastime: Riding in Ford Trucks
Ambition: Marriage
Dream Man; David Tatum
Worst Habit: Day Dreaming
Most Disliked Job: Studying
History
Name: Carlyne Gillie
Pet Hate: Men
Favorite Song: "Blues Stay Away From Me"

Favorite Food: Hot Dogs
Pet Pastime: Riding ln Fords
Ambition: Marriage
Dream Man: Willard Neison
Worst Habit: Kissing
Mast Disliked Job: Courting
Name: Ann Jarrett
Pet Hate: History
Favorite Song: "Give A Liftle"
Favorite Food: Bacon and Tomato Sandwich
Pet Pastime: Sailing a Battleship
Ambition: Sail on the U. S. S. Leyte

Dream Man: "Hub"
Worst Hablt: Flirting with boys
Most Disliked Job: Sitting through English Class

Name: Phil Hagan and Ott Cooper
Pet Hate: Women
Favorite Song "Jackass Caravan"
Favorite Food: Chop-Suey
Dream Girl: Judy Canova
Ambltion: Hermit
Pet Pastime: Sleeping
Worst Habit: Getting up in the morning
Most Disliked Job: English
Name: Inis Roark
Pet Hate: Mule Train
Favorite Song: "Charlottesville Blues"
Favorite Food: Something to eat
Pet Pastime: Dancing
Ambition: Husband and a house full of kids, not under 12.
Dream Man: "Mr". Junior smart
Worst Habit: Giggles
Most Disliked Job: Work
Name: Valeria Shivley
Pet Hate: History
Favorite Song: "Dear Hearts and Gentle People"
Favorite Food: Hamburger
Dream Man: Bill Mallany

Ambition: Love
Pet Pastime: Reading funny books

Worst Habit: Bitting my fingernails

Most Disliked Job: Staying in the Library

Name: Mildred Martin
Pet Hate: Boys
Favorite Song: "Ain't Misbehaving"

Favorite Food: Onions
Dream Man: Guy Madison
Ambition: Back Seat Driver
Pet Pastime: Day Dreaming
Worst Habit: Fussing
Most Disliked Job: Going to school

Name: Kathleen Hylton
Pet Hate: Teasing
Favorite Song: "Quick Silver"
Favorite Food: Chicken Salad
Pet Pastime: Thinking of a certain boy

Ambition: Marriage
Dream Man: Arthur Martin
Worst Habit: Talking in my sleep

Most Disliked Job: Going to school

Name: Edith Sheppard
Pet Hate: Typing
Favorite Song: "I'm in Love up to my Ears"
Favorite Food: Cheeseburger
Ambition: Success and Happiness
Dream Man: Sunset Carson
Pet Pastime: Listening to Mus-
Worst Habit: Day Dreaming
Most Disliked Job: Washing Dishes

Name: D. J. Horne
Pet Hate: Old Red Rooster
Favorite Song: "I am Dreaming of Jeannle".

Favorite Food: Tea
Dream Girl: Dorothy Lamour
Ambition: Teaching History
Pet Pastime: Fishing
Worst Habit: Walking across library
Most Disliked Job: Coming to School

Name: Cecil Spencer
Pet Hate: Women
Favorite Song: "Mule Train"
Favorite Food: Beans
Pet Pastime: Klssing
Ambition: Marry
Dream Girl: Mattie C.
Worst Habit: Smooching
Most Disliked Job: Courting
Name: Addle Mae Plaster
Pet Hate: Men
Favorite Song: "I Love You Because"

Favorite Food: Potatoes
Pet Pastime: Ridlng in 49 Desoda (soda box)

Ambition: A man with lots of money

Dream Man: Paul Wilson
Worst Hablt: Talking too much Dishes


Mrs. Thurlow sure is having a good time keeping the eighth grade pupils in. Especially Betty Justice .

Audree Wray and her little "Corns" are not getting along so well.
Oliver Roark sure is gettlng to be a handsome young man.
Mrs. Thurlow said the first time she ever looked in a mirror was when she had her first date. Wonder who the lucky boy was?
Bobby Leach sure does get them fast. Now its Mrs. Thompkins.
Choo-Choo Justice making eyes
at that Norfolk girl "Anne Byrum."
Hughes Gilley has been quittling school a lot lately. I think he stays because he loves history (and teacher) so well.
Roy Bowles taking English with 25 girls. Wonder why?
Carlyne Gilley pulling the shades down in History class, getting ready for a black-out.
Virginia Martin is really getting the turn and twist in that Charleston business.
The "All County Chase" was run
Mast Disliked Job: Washlng
Dishes
Name: Barbara Foley
Pet Hate: Government
Favorite Song: "I Love You Because"
Favorite Food: Cheeseburger
Dream Man: "Pap"
Ambition: Love Pap
Pet Pastime: Be with Pap
Worst Habit: Laughing
Most Disllked Job: Washing Dishes

## Name: Juanita Ziglar

Pet Hate: Nosey People
Favorite Song: "Forever and Ever"
Favorite Food: Tomato and Bacon Sandwich
Dream Man: Clark Gable
Ambition: Love
Pet Pastime: Driving
Worst Habit: Falling History
Most Disllked Job: Going to School

Name: Dot Barbour
Pet Hate: Literature
Favorite Song: "Dreamers Holiday"
Favorite Food: Cheeseburgers Pet Pastime: Writing Letters Ambition: Studing History Dream Man: Gene Collins Worst Habit: Slnging Rag Mop Most Disliked Job: Washing

Frlday February 10, 1950 after a movie at Critz High School. The contestants were two Chevrolet plckups chasing a Ford plck-up and a 34 Ford.

Does anybody know what the vacant seat was for between Carol Cooper and Lee Via at the movie Friday night.
What's that extra class ring doing on Lenna Barbour's finger? Huh Henry?
Ask Buster Corns about his visit to Martinsville with two girls.
Lena when are you going to Puerto Rica?
Bernice will be glad when its spring and "Moss" wlll be out agaln.
Louise Krouskup can't belleve what she "C's" on her report card.

Jolene, how does Ophus like the "Lone Star State"?
Wonder where Barbara Bolyjack's and Eldean Stovall's class rings are? Rumor says they might have been lost and found in Martlnsville.
How come Majorle Whitt wearing a blue class ring size ten? Majorie, what big hands you have! Cute couple in the sophomore class. Barbara Lee still moving "East" ward.
Tootsle, Eldean, and Hattie are all excited over the reunion comlng off in April.
Tom doesn't like poetry but he sure goes for Byron!
Audrey don't cry. Anne is Just on a vislt. Tom will be back.
Tressle is so exclted over the new bus driver. Good driver!
Mildred Turner, why wern't you at the party wednesday night? That is the question that Doug keeps repeating over and over.
Jackie owning the fastest ford
Garvin wearing a ' 50 class ring.
Could it be it belongs to a senior?
${ }^{n \cdot v}$ about it Hughes?
Tom, Tom, the Piper's son, stole the Norfolk "gal" and away he run.
Has Ann Jarrett made up her mind which she llkes the best "Red", or "Navy"?
Wonder why Christine wasn't at the last F. F. A. and F. H. A. Party? We sure missed her.
Muscle man! Thomas Hylton! Seems he brought in flve basketballs the other day. That's something for a boy with holes in his head. (reference: Sclence class)
In the "Blue Ridge" mountains of Virginia you will find clyde and Philip with "Epp" and "Love"

Clarence Hall is not so good at moving road blocks, especially when the block is a car.

## PROSPECTS PROMISING FOR

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The second team has games with Ridgeway, Bassett and Sandy Ridge, and expects to add a few more.
If the boys play up to expectations, this could easily be a Critz
year.

## Glee Club 1953



## Mrs. Eddie Tatum's Music Recital



Class Scenes




## Class of 1960




Class Reunion


Boy's Basketball


Girl's Basketball

Eighty-one students, some eager and some not so eager, entered the eighth grade of Hardin Reynolds Memorial School in September, 1955. It was an exciting event in many ways. New friendships were begun as students from Patrick Springs Elementary joined the students from Hardin Reynolds. The merger of students from the two schools created an unusually large class, making it necessary to conduct separate home rooms for boys and girls. The eighth grade was the first time that class members experienced changing classes, another reason for excitement.
The Senior Year was filled with many exciting events. They included: competing for the state championship in boys basketball (The team did not bring home the trophy, but it was the first time a Rebels team competed at the state level.); the selection of classmates Lois Hollandsworth as Miss HRMS and Cleo Bocock as second runnerup; the development and publishing of the Reynolda, 1960 senior pictures, and fitting for caps and gowns. Social events that were highlights of the year included a New Year's Eve party for class members and guests; "An Evening in Hawaii", the Junior-Senior Prom hosted by the class of 1960 at The Hut in Collinsville; and Senior Day at Fairystone State Park. Margaret Amos

## Class of 1961



Clarence Douglas Adams, Buford Allen Barbour, William David Biggs, Leon Hancock, Warren Hawks, Junior Lee Hutcherson*, Posey Lester Koger, Jerry Wayne Patterson, Larry Burton Purcell, Chester Gray Ratliff, Jerry Leon Shough, Sherman Adam Witt, James Direy Wright, Jr., Barbara Gilley Foley, Ramona Dare Cecil Cassady, Inez Gilley Hollandsworth, Frances Lou Hill Beasley, Mildred Anita Layman, Doris Martin Craighead, Rebecca Plaster Nelson, Esther Lea Spencer Newman, Jean Joyce Stone, Velma Mae Stowe Martin, Maxine Witt Lucas, Murray Cobbs Anthony*, Myra Stone Barbour, William Daniel Gilley, Wilber Gene Hutchens*, Jeannie Grady Hawks, Troy Elgin Joyce, Thomas Hanes Nelson, Marvin Wayne Plaster, Joe Connor Ratliff, James Richard Reynolds, Denzil Turner, Thurman George Witt, Ronald Dale Wright, Margaret Marie Burgart Moran, Virginia Chaney Prater, Barbara Harbour Beck, Nancy Louise Kendrick Martin, Margaret Elaine Mabe Hylton, Ellen Louise O'Dell Hodges, Carol Shockley Peterson, C. Nadine Spencer Thomas, Myra Stone Barbour, Judy Via Pollard, Marie Ellen Wright Lawrence
We began our years at HRMS with 72 class members and ended with 47 graduates in 1961, the largest class to graduate from HRMS. Some of our fondest and funniest memories during these years are: marshmallow fights at Doris', dancing in the highway at Tommy's, all-night pajama parties at Jeannie's, water fountain collapsing in the hallway, FFA dances with Mr. Terry chaperoning (Don't get too close now!), Beta conventions, Junior play, "Our Gal Sal," and Senior play, "So This is Bliss." Our 1960 Junior-Senior Banquet was held at The Hut restaurant in Collinsville with a Hawaiian theme. (Mrs. Via's moo-moo was the hit of the evening!) Also, playing and watching basketball, especially beating Stuart, was a big highlight of our high school years. (Warren, Jerry P., Wilbur, Butch, Troy, Jimmy, Jeannie, Peggy, Barbara G., Doris, \& Louise participated in basketball. Barbara H., Ellen, Marie, Inez, \& Myra were our cheerleaders.) Myra was named Harvest Queen in 1959 and Ramona was Miss Merry Christmas in 1961. The Inside Review newspaper staff over the years were Tommy, Jeannie, Becky, Douglas, Judy, Peggy, Mildred, and Doris. Our Senior Class officers were Joe, Warren, Ellen, Sherman, Myra, and Ramona. In 1961 our FHA President was Mildred, Vice President Jean, Secretary Peggy, and our Beta President was Tommy. The Reynolda Editor was Jeannie, Art Editor Becky, Business Manager Carol, and Sales Manager Murray. Our valedictorian was Carol and salutatorian Jeannie. Our Senior Class motto was "He who knows how to learn knows enough." We cherish all of these memories from this time in our life.

Jeannie Grady Hawks


Girl's Basketball


Boy's Basketball


Cheerleaders


Baseball

## Class of 1962




Girl's Basketball


Boy's Basketball


The graduating class of 1962 consisted of 25 members. Some of the memories that stand out in my mind are going to Jimmy Lee Via's store almost every day, our Junior and Senior plays, our Washington trip, and most of all, the lasting friendships we made.
We have lost only one member of our class, Janelda Hall Turman.

Brenda Goard Ayers


Anne Odell Compton, Berkley Bowles, Lonnie Handy*, Hassell Nicholson, Bobby Reynolds, Richard Shockley, Dewey Wayne Stone, Charles Walker*, James (Jimmy) Wray, Rose Cecil Howell, Shirlene Handy Layman, Iris Mabe McNeal, Peggy Nelson Dudley, Lona Stone Graham, Alvina Wright Price, Donald Jackson Amos, Cecil Byrd*, Bobby McArthur, Benton Alvin Ratliff, James (Jimmy) Rodgers, B. D. Stone, Tommy Trent, Larry Wayne Witt, Kathryn Anthony Cook, Shirley Kendrick Eagle, Wilma Layman Parrish, Margie Martin Collins, Barbara Spencer Sturgill, Jean Witt Triplett, Lonnie Craig,

The class of ' 63 was a small class, and many of us went through the entire 12 years together. Others who joined us later were warmly accepted, and we all joined together to become the final version that walked up on the stage and received our diplomas in the spring of ' 63.
We suffered through the bitter cold in those old buildings at HRMS, and burned up in the warm months. But our school was unique, with a beautiful campus, and a character that was rarely seen at other schools. The "'Old School" has been replaced by "Newer and Better" buildings, and $I$ suppose it is an improvement. But I miss that old school, and I think back on it with pride.
My classmates and I suffered through the hard times together, reveled in our victories, had fun at the dances and on the trips that we took. But I believe that the most important thing that came out of our years together, was the bond that was formed between us. I believe that bond is everlasting, and unlike that of any other relationships that we may have formed.
May God be with us and watch over us, until we have our final class reunion, with all of us present and accounted for.

Richard L. Shockley, Jr.


Girl's Basketball


Boy's Basketball


## Class of 1964



Left to right; 1st Row: J.C. Corns, Shirley Stowe Coleman, Irma Carter Nicholson, Mary Jean Carter Harbour, Geraldine Ratliff Smith; 2nd Row: Johnny Halsey, Penn Anthony, Carol Ayers Kapp, Diane Graham Burnette; 3rd Row: Gayle Fulcher Dollarhite, Linda Bowles Spence, Phyliss Barbour Patterson, Margaret Wilson Bouldin, Judy Hundley Overby; 4th Row: Barbara Wright Plaster, Fleta Burgart Thomas, Linda Corns Barrett, Carol J. Corns; 5th Row: Steve Burton, Robbie Jean Bocock Eychaner, Rosa Lee Handy Bocock, Phyliss Patterson Nester; 6th Row: Marion Cobbler, Milford Witt, Bobby Joe Martin, Joe Anthony, Gregory Reynolds; 7th Row: Harold Gammons, Larry Stowe; Not pictured: Carolyn Ore Burtchett, Elizabeth Gilbert VanCannon, Melvin Clark

In the fall of 1959, students from Patrick Springs Elementary and Hardin Reynolds came together to form the graduating class of 1964. We climbed outside fire escape stairs to get to some of our business classes. Our classes were in different buildings. The girls went to home economics class, while the boys went to agriculture class. English, math, science, geography, study hall and the principal's office were in a central building.
Clubs and organizations included Future Farmers of America, Future Homemakers of America; Beta Club; Reynolda Staff, the school newspaper, Inside Review, 4-H Club, beauty pageants, and school plays.
We crossed the road for snacks at Jimmy Lee Via's and Ralph C. Grogan's stores. The gym was also across the road, where basketball was played with intense rivalry with other high schools in Patrick County.
We remember the Junior-Senior Banquets, Washington, D.C. field trips, Beta Club conventions, parties, sock-hops, outings to Fairy Stone Park, and drive-in theaters.
The Class of ' 64 thanks the dedicated teachers and parents who gave us the foundation and support to go on to become parents, lawyers, bankers, computer programmers, principals, teachers, plant managers, secretaries, and farmers. The remainder of us turned out all right, too.

Gayle Fulcher Dollarhite


## Class of 1965



Joy Anthony Branham, Fay Cockram Williams, Janice Doss Woods, Faye Hoyle Wessells, Gail Martin*, Peggy Martin Dickerson, Marie Plaster Gunter, Jean Roop Ramsey, Glenda Smith Cobbler, Mary Sue Terry, Sue Wagner Fulcher, Frances Wright Spencer, Kenneth Barbour, Robert Kenneth Branham, Donald Corns, Bill Grady*, Billy Joyce, David T. Patterson, Judy Bowles Thomas, Esther Craig Johnson, Lee Ann Ellis Collins, Gloria Mabe Floyd, Tillice Martin McArthur*, Linda Plaster Reynolds, Helen Ratliff Hardy, Ilene Sheppard Rorrer, Wilma Stewart Wimbish, Carol Turner Janosko, Dorothy Wray McGhee, Linda McArthur Prater, Terry Blair, Jimmy Cooper, Wallace Foley, Danny Handy, Ledford Martin, David Shough,

There were 36 in our class and twice as many girls as boys. Answer the question of how many girls were there and you've just done one of Mrs. Sallie Via's math problems. Which is not to say we didn't present some problems of our own (we would prefer to call them challenges) to teachers and administrators from time to time. Today psychologists would just say we were testing our boundaries. Back then they just said we should know better and they expected us to do better: like the time some of us hid in lockers in the locker room in the gym to get out of class, or others found a hideaway in the old dormitory to play solitaire during exams. But we also showed ambition and spunk. People are still using the wrapping paper we sold in 1964 to pay for our trip to New York and the World's Fair. The Yearbook we created under the leadership of our sponsor Mrs. Ehmann still makes many of us proud. And basketball! It was our ninth grade class that participated in the first girls' basketball championship in years and won three more before we graduated. Mary Sue Terry, who ran for her first successful statewide office as a sophomore (State Beta Secretary), went on to be the first woman elected to statewide office in Virginia. After two terms as Attorney General she made an unsuccessful run for Governor. She told Glenda if her campaign for governor had been run by the folks who helped with her campaign in high school she probably would have won! Sadly our class has suffered too many losses. During high school we lost Maynard Martin. We remember him as well as Gail and Tillice Martin and Bill Grady. We also remember so many others who have been part of the HRMS family-whether faculty, administrators, staff, cafeteria workers or bus drivers. HRMS was family and is family. This book is testament to that.

Glenda Smith Cobbler and Mary Sue Terry


Girl's Basketball


Cheerleaders


Boy's Basketball


Baseball


Jean Hancock Joyce, Barbara Ann Prater Dillon, Barbara Bousman Anderson, Connie Hutchens Hawkins, Mary Marie Kendrick Morgan, Peggy Martin Hayes, Ethel Stowe Hopkins, Gene Amos, Michael Brown, Donald Craig, Gary Burnette, Larry George Freeman, Jimmy Ray Martin, Taylo Dean Shelton, Ronnie Ray Layman, Annie Koger, George Larry Wright, Carolyn Cobbler, Frances Via Smart, Frances Anthony Meyer, Patricia Ann Handy Bowman, Rebecca Jefferson Hale, Gloria Martin Biggs, Donna Pate Collins, Linda Faye Wright Guilliams, Larry Mankins, Richard W. Craddock*, Douglas Edwards, Neil Fulcher, Ronald C. Graham, George Reuben Rea, James Richard Shough, Lucky Dale Turner, Edgar Raymond Wright, Jr., Trecia Handy Martin

We had 33 graduating students, all of whom had been together since 8 th grade, when 8 joined us from Patrick Springs Elementary. We have been fortunate to have lost only one member, Richard Craddock, a veteran Patrick County Investigator, who died in January, 1999. He was a vital part of our class and will always be remembered.
The class of ' 66 was a close knit group who enjoyed having fun. Sometimes ten or more girls would pile into the home of one of the classmates for a sleepover; each girl had a turn as hostess. The parties occasionally left a mark on the house. Somehow, the boys always knew which house was hosting the slumber party and would show up after school. We played softball, basketball or badminton. Donna Pate was crowned Miss HRMS and later, Miss Patrick County. Connie Hutchens was Mrs. HRMS our junior year. Other runners-up were Peggy Martin, Trecia Handy, and Becky Jefferson. We entered a male classmate in the Miss Merry Christmas pageant as Miss XX. No one knew who they were voting for until George Ray was crowned Miss Merry Christmas. Several of our classmates played basketball throughout high school. Our girls won four consecutive championships in the District "R" tournament. Five girls from the class of " 66 were on that team. Baseball was also popular among the boys. Our class started the student government at HRMS and worked hard in establishing the new government and making it work. Donald Craig was the first SCA president at HRMS. We are proud of the accomplishments that our class has made over the past 35 years. Frances Anthony Meyers received her doctorate degree, while other classmates have degrees in agriculture, business, education and engineering. Three of our class members operate their own businesses. We attribute our success to good teachers, a good school and good parents. We were not only taught reading, writing and arithmetic, we were taught to love and respect each other. This is still true today as we recognize HRMS for giving us the start we needed. Jean Joyce


Girl's Basketball


Cheerleaders


Boy's Basketball


Baseball

## Class of 1967



Annie Anthony Revercomb, Mary Paige Via Falls, Martha Jean Shelton, June Graham Day, Robert Hall, Calvin Eugene Boyd, Winford Layton Foley, Harvey Elwood Hancock, J..*, Rickie Lee Hutchins*, Joseph William Jefferson, Charles Michael Mason, Curtis Davis Ratliff, Jesse Ben Shough, Laray Smith, Linda Sue Bishop Helms, Jeanette Martin Spencer, Melva Elizabeth Penn Hairston, Brenda Sue Rea Flemmons, Janice Marie Reynolds Waller, Darnell Wray Scruggs, Ruthie Terry Dickerson, Carolyn Blair Stowe, Cheryl Doss Gunter, Barbara Jean Hairston Martin, James David Bowman, John Wayne Bullington, Danny Ronald Goard, Wilford Leroy Hancock, Timothy Lee Hylton*, Isaiah Martin, Thomas Eddie Penn, Harvey Harold Roop, Larry Edwin Tatum, Mary Lee Hagwood Mullins, Kathy Layman Tompkins, Mary Jane Martin Adkins, Shirley Jean Ratliff Stowe, Elsie Marie Reid, Ilene S. Roark Pettis, Linda Shelton Mize

Thirty-five years have passed at paces as varied as the personalities in the Class of 1967. Some life quests brought corporate responsibilities, some brought the thrills and challenges of rearing children, some involved careers in manufacturing, textiles, construction, education and so many other opportunities we had not even imagined possible back in 1967. Little did we know, that over the course of thirty-five years, we would mourn the loss of several precious classmates. It is from this perspective that we remember 1967. We remember wishing we could meet them in the hallway as we changed classes, signal them as they entered the lunchroom so they would know there was room for them at our table, or just tell them how much their friendship meant to us. Friendship..that's what lasts over the span of time. Friendship still binds those of us who remain.

Cheryl Doss Gunter


Girl's Basketball


Cheerleaders


Boy's Basketball


Baseball

## Class of 1968 <br> Steven Mark Anthony, Jr.

 Larry Eugene Grant Larry Kyle Handy Joseph Elwood Martin Ronald Wayne Martin Joseph Lee Hagwood Clarence William Reynolds Michael Lane Roop Quinten Charles Stacy Wayne Tatum Grover Elwood Wright Mary Ethelene Biggs Horton Sandra Bryant Tayior Mickie Ann Cope Stallard Karen Joan Gunter Lawson* Shirley Leonard Warren Carolyn Ann Martin Penn Sammy Kay Patterson Overby GIenda Shelton Joyce Donna Kay Tatum* Shirley Ann Joyce Littles Patsy Ann Reynolds Nicholson Jerry Lane Doss Harold Justice Curtis Levi Kendrick Orlando Raphael Martin Donnell Penn Michael Lynn Ray John Nicholas Reynolds Bentrus Newton Smith* Douglas France Turner Shirley Harris Tatum Judy Carolyn Adams Joyce Ruby Jean Bousman Ann Cobb Hunt Clara Ann Deal Bonnie Ann Handy Mary Ann Mabe Roop Lena Mae Nester Richardson Mary Louise Reynolds Handy* Reba Turner Hildebrand Ann Carol Via Myrtle Bell Ratliff Smith

The Class of 1968 began its "illustrious" tenure at Hardin Reynolds in 1956 with approximately 49 students.
Miss Maude Tudor taught most of us in the first grade while Carlyne Cooper taught second and Mamie Zentmeyer third grade helping to get us started in the world outside of home and family. Most students had farm work and other chores to do in the evenings and work in tobacco was common. Television was just becoming popular but not everyone had one. Later, some would begin work in local factories or get married before finishing high school. By the eighth grade, several students from Patrick Springs joined the class and became fast friends as well. Most of us


Boy's Basketball


Girl's Basketball


Baseball


Cheerleaders remember what class we were in when John F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1963. We saw some of our teachers break down in tears and the shock lasted long afterward. In high school we joined clubs; the FHA, the FFA, 4 H , and the Beta Club. Integration of schools began in our 9th year without major problems. We learned good sportsmanship and had fun with Herbert Diggs and other coaches over the years. Our cheerleaders were always great, regardless of how the teams performed. In the fall of 1967, the Rebels boys' basketball team became regional and then State Group III champions! Mr. Earl Jarrell was principal in our senior year. Mr. Nat and Mrs. Nannie Ruth Terry were still fixtures at the school along with Mrs. Sallie Via. A few years later, we would have been "consolidated" at a new county high school, but most would say that they are glad they finished at HRMS and that "bigger" would not necessarily be better. In the past few years, our class has lost four members to cancer or other illnesses. In February of 1996, Karen Gunter Lawson died of complications related to cancer. In October of 2000, Bentrus Smith lost a long battle with cancer also. On March 6, 2001, Mary Louise Reynolds Handy died at home after years of cancer treatments interspersed with times of good health. She had returned to HRMS as an elementary teacher for 27 years before retiring due to poor health. In July of 2001, Donna Kay Tatum died after many years of poor health. Whether it was sitting next to them at lunch or playing with them in phys. ed., or on ball teams, their smiles and their laughter will not be forgotten. Though the class is scattered from coast to coast, many have settled and raised families only a few miles from their homes in Patrick County, fulfilling some of their dreams in life. All remember with fondness, for the most part, their days and their classmates at good old HRMS!

John N. Reynolds

## Class of 1969



1st Row: Patricia Bullington Brown, Edith Via Walker*, Louise Corns Welch, Ruth Witt Sater, Kathy Greenwood Light, Betty Jo Saunders Williams, Lois Wright Vaughan, Diane Anderson Griffin, Judy Reynolds Hagwood, Helen Hancock Shough, JoAnn Trent Hancock; 2nd Row: Barbara Layman Vipperman, Victoria (Vickie) Bryant Wells, Sharon Ellis Coleman, Frankie Prater Ellsworth, Sally Terry Rodgers, Jeanette Penn Reynolds, Naomi Carter Booker, Melissa Wyatt Oliver, Carolyn Plaster Simmons, Eva Stout Beck, Gayna Craddock Clark; 3rd Row: Johnnie Turner, Everett Joyce, Mike Compton, Lloyd Hopkins, Larry Hopkins, Charles Hagwood, Clifford Corns, Brent Reynolds, Elmer Martin, Joe Craig; 4th Row: Garland Plaster, George E. Wood, Jr., Daryl Shelton, Leon Hairston, Mark Hylton - Not Pictured: Ann Adams Fulcher, Gary Plaster, Douglas Cobbler

Fifty-eight students came together in the eighth grade, 17 from 'Patrick Springs' and 41 from Critz. With the closing of Patrick Central, we picked up six more along the way. Our high school years started with the arrival of The Beatles, and ended as Apollo I I landed on the moon. In between, we watched the Viet Nam War nightly with Walter Cronkite, won two state championships in basketball and anxiously waited to see if we would be part of the county's new high school. Through it all, we managed to send 41 graduates out into society, with almost half going on to an institute of higher learning. During the past thirty-two years, we have bid farewell to three class members: Mark Hylton, Everett Joyce and Edith Via. We have welcomed home our classmates as they returned from Viet Nam and the Desert Storm conflicts. We applaud those who have served to protect our rights. We have watched as class members have given to society serving as nurses, teachers, educators, firefighters, social workers, and law enforcement officers. We have class members that own their own businesses and others serving in management positions. The class of ' 69 is strewn from Maryland, to Michigan, to Florida; yet, we manage to get together every five years just to chat, revisit yearbooks and rekindle friendships that lay dormant for a short while.

Larry Hopkins \& Ann Adams Fulcher


Cheerleaders


Girl's Basketball


Boy's Basketball


Baseball

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Elementary Basketball - A First at HRMS
New faculty members bring avid leadership in the elementary sports field.

The two elementary teams play neighboring schools. Team players learn ideals of sportsmanship and competition in preparation for high school sports. The aspects, ideals and rules of the sports field come to the student at an earlier age. Sports interests will help prepare the elementary student for older world competition.

## Class of 1970



Nancy Susan Bowles Barrow, Linda Kay Corns, Sandra Goard Blanchfield, Patsy Hancock Gunter, Marie Hopkins Grogan, Ramona Sue Hylton Reynolds, Callie Ruth Martin, Beatrice Nelson Ammons, Elizabeth Gwyn Prillaman, Bonnie Arlene Purcell Upchurch, Rebecca Gaylene Shively Wright, Susan Paige Shough McDonald, Betty Gwyndolyn Wright Hylton, James Arthur Anthony, Melvin Ray Clark, James Bernard Mabe, John Philip Mason, Sampson Reynolds, James Robert Shockley*, Wayne B. Taylor, Larry Steven Wray, Larry Jerome Deal, Philip L. Gilley, Everett F. Hancock, James Robert Hoyle, Claron Ray Hutchens, Sanford James Joyce, Susan Clark Cassell, Dorothy Mae Dillion Spence, Mary Ann Hall Harger, Dianne Harris Roop, Elizabeth Ann Hutchens Felts, Brenda Ann Joyce, Janice Moore Griffin, Gay Plaster, Rebecca Lynn Prillaman, Doris Reed*, Carolyn Shough Young, Marilyn Turner Canode*, Lena Wright Turner, Daniel Issac Boyd, John Wayne McArthur, Claude David Martin, Steven Ralph Nelson, Bobby W. Sanders, Roger Calvin Stowe, Gerald Albert Turner, Steve Kenneth Doss, Howard Orie Fackler, Jr., William Burton Hall*, Sammy Light Handy, Bernard Elmo Hutchens, Douglas Michael Hutchens,

One of our most memorable moments was our first encounter with Mrs. Sallie Via, our home room teacher; then our very first yearbooks to have signed. Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Terry were sources of support and leadership throughout our years at HRMS. We cheered a winning boys' basketball team into several championship games and experienced de-segregation of Patrick County Schools and had no junior-senior proms. Fishnet hose and "miniskirts" were in style; American
 Bandstand was popular on television and music of groups like the Beatles and Paul Revere and the Raiders. We solemnly observed the "last" of everything in 1970, last Beta club meetings and trips, last Home Ec dinners and FHA ceremonies, last SCA meetings; all senior activities somehow seemed more profound and meaningful as no one else would follow us here in this place.Our class would like to express our appreciation to the faculty and staff at Hardin Reynolds Memorial School for all your support and guidance.

Nancy Bowles Barrow

Girl's Basketball


Baseball


Boy's Basketball

## HRMS State Basketball Champions 1970



Kneeling: Ralph Nelson, Donnie Freeman, Bobby Reid, Curtis Hagwood, Barry Edward, Roger Clark Standing; Coach Sonny Swails, Bernard Mabe, Roger Shough, Jesse Reynolds, Samson Reynolds, David Hairston

## HRMS Basketball Team 1969



Kneeling: Steve Mason, Leon Hairston, Coach Sonny Swails, Bernard Mabe, Danny Boyd
Standing; Bobby Reid, Charles Hagwood, Samson Reynolds, Jesse Reynolds, Joe Craig, Phillip Gilley, Barry Edwards

## CLASS OF 1971

Linda Austin, , Mike Bledsoe, Doris Carter, Louise Clark, Wayne Clark, Linda Cobb, Susan Corns, Lynn Craddock, Debbie Cummings, Frances Dillion, Joan Dillion, Barry Edwards, Lee Gilley, Phyllis Gilley, Rhonda Gilley, Judy Greenwood, Delores Hagwood, Chris Hall, Betty Jean Hancock, James Hancock, Betty Jo Havens, William Hylton, Ricky Joyce, Larry Nelson, Ralph Nelson, Brenda Plaster, Leon Plaster, Carol Ratliff, Bobby Reid, Brenda Reid, Jesse Reynolds, Caroline Rigney, Faye Roberts, Sandra Rodgers, Clifford Roop, Derrick Roop, Kathy Shelton, Mike Shelton, Jimmie Shockley, Bruce Spence, Junior Spence, Linda Spencer, Danny Stacy, Elva Mae Stanley, Nellie Stowe, Bennie Trent, Elizabeth Via, Dianne Wray

We began school at Hardin Reynolds in 1959. That winter, we missed school six weeks straight due to snow. Hooray!

No kids could have had better teachers than we had in Mrs. Carlyne Cooper, Mrs. Mamie Zentmeyer, Mrs. Virginia Ann Bingman, and Mrs. Vivian Joyce, just to name a few.

Not only were we taught the usual school subjects, but our teachers instilled in us a true sense of selfworth and made us understand that you do the correct things, act with honor and treat everyone as your equal. Unfortunately for some of us, the paddle with the holes was still around just to help us remember what correct behavior was, in case we had momentary lapses .

Once we hit eighth grade, true competition in sports was essential, and HRMS reigned in both boys' and girls' basketball.

By being a small school, HRMS not only provided us with a quality education, but gave us a sense of security and belonging. We may have graduated as Cougars in 1971; but in our hearts, we will always be Reynolds Rebels.

Elizabeth Via Kolenski

## CLASS OF 1972

Ginny Anthony, Jerry Adams, Jimmy Adams, Ann Barnes, Neva Bowles, Roger Cassell, Dale Cecil, Roger Clark, Janet Coleman, Debbie Cooper, L. J. Corns, David Craig, Glenda Dillon, Freda Epperly, Pat Ehmann, David Foley, Donnie Freeman, Curtis Hagwood, Kathy Hancock, Jesse Hairston, Carolyn Harris, Linda Hutchens, Eddie Lawrence, Steve Lawson, Brenda Lewis, Aubrey Martin, Betty Sue Martin, David Martin, Larry Martin, Mike Martin, Steve Mason, Celestine Penn, Jackie Penn, Dana Plaster, Darrell Plaster, Donald Plaster, Marie Prater, David Ramsey, Cheryl Rea, Nannie Sue Reynolds, Frances Roberts, Linda Roop, Janice Scearce, Mike Shelton, Bernice Shively, Rita Shockley, Roger Shough, Daniel Spencer, Jerry Spencer, Junior Stowe, Gail Witt, Libby Wray

The class of 1972 did not get to enjoy but two years at HRMS, 1969 and 1970. In 1971, the new Patrick County High School opened and there we went. In retrospect, it was good that we got to start our "exciting high school days" at HRMS. We were able to mold friendships that took us to the new school with encouragement and support. We thank the HRMS Alumni for allowing us the opportunity to be a part of the history that is so important to our lives and our children's lives.

Neva Bowles Manor

## CLASS OF 1973

Joleen Bowman, Ricky Cassell, Susan Clark, Barbara Cobler, Kay Coleman, Mary Coleman, Leroy Corns, Sharon Craddock, Dale Craig, Brenda Gilley, David Hairston, Henry Hairston, Olene Hairston, Ray Hairston, Steve Hairston, Donnie Hancock, Donna Handy, Teresa Handy, Dean Harbour, Ronnie Harris, David Hubbard, J. B. Hutchens, James Hyler, Douglas Hylton, Jimmy Joyce, Mary Joyce, Buren Kendrick, Clayton Kendrick, Joe Kendrick, Gary Layman, Charles Martin, Donna Martin, Gail Martin, Geraldine Martin, Janet Martin, Karon Murray, Wanda Palmer, Julius Patterson, Marsha Plaster, Danny Reynolds,

Mark Reynolds, Garland Roberts, Lynn Roop, Karen Shockley, Rita Shough, Freda Spencer, Steve Spencer, Nancy Stegall, Frank Tatum, Doris Thompson, Karen Turner, Jo Via

The Hardin Reynolds members of the Patrick County High School Class of 1973 have many fond memories of the time spent at Hardin Reynolds.

The cafeteria itself along with the staff and excellent food, being able to sit together and enjoy our lunch and know that there were always more of those wonderful, mouth watering rolls available just for the asking, stands out as one of the favorite memories.

Oh, that boys basketball team! What an experience to be able to travel with the team to Charlottesville for three consecutive years and see them represent Hardin Reynolds on the campus of the University of Virginia, let alone bring back the championship for two years. So many of us had not even traveled outside of Patrick County at that time. What an honor and how proud we were!

Not to mention the trips to the Grogan and Via stores and trying to scrounge up just that extra bit of change for those barbecue chips, sugar straws and tiny wax bottles with kool-aid, what treats we were exposed to!

Always crossing the road, not just to the store, but to the gym as well....and those showers, when we actually HAD to get wet, or at least, appear that we were.

We remember climbing the long flights of stairs to classes and peering out the windows at the high school students going by and our moving from one mobile classroom to the other, even on the coldest, rainiest days.

Even though the idea of going to a new school was exciting, something has to be said for the beautiful campus we all enjoyed at Hardin Reynolds where we could sit under the trees and enjoy the company of classmates that were all known to each of us as well as their families from many generations past.

The Patrick County High School class of 1973 from Hardin Reynolds had the best of both worlds, the old and the new, and we will all cherish the friends and memories made at each school for our lifetimes.

Karen Turner Fulcher

## CLASS OF 1974

Richard Adams, Cathy Adkins, Doris Adkins, Taylor Barbour, Deborah Barnes, Mark Bledsoe, Edward Branch, Jerry Branch, Laddy Burnette, Lonny Burnette, Wayne Carter, Bonnie Cassell, Stewart Clark, Mary Cobb, Larry Cobbler, Faye Coleman, Harold Coleman, Timothy Coleman, Gene Dillion, Shelia Edwards, Sue Ann Ehmann, Gary Fackler, Jerry Fackler, Ronnie Foley, Allen Gilley, Dianne Gilley, Keith Gilley, James Hagwood, Darnnell Hairston, Mary Ruth Hairston, Victor Hairston, Ricky Harris, Allen Hopkins, David Hughes, Frances Hunt, Debbie Hutchens, Marie Hutchens, Shirl Hutchens, Bradford Kenderick, Elaine Kenderick, Evon Kendrick, Leslie Kendrick, Jeanette Koger, Gary Martin, Kenneth Martin, Karen Moore, H. E. Nelson, Sandra Nelson, Karen Patterson, Carron Penn, Mary Ellen Penn, Don Plaster, Vickie Prewett, Vickie Puckett, Don Ratliff, Diane Reynolds, Leonard Reynolds, Betty Jean Setliff, Garland Shelton, Gloria Shelton, Mary Lou Shough, Michael Shough, Sharon Shough, Debra Spencer, Margie Spencer, Blaine Stowe, J. P. Stowe, Kathy Tatum, Linda Tatum, Velma Tatum, Ricky Trent, Louise Tuggle, Becky Turner, Glennie Vipperman, Junior Walker

I remember riding bus \#38 with Johnny Brown driving; girls first being allowed to wear slacks to school; donkey baseball games, integration; riding my horse to school and home, twice; having to write, '"I will not turn cartwheels during a fire drill," 500 times; and getting paddled by Mr. Lineberry!

Sue Ann Ehmann

Beauty Pageant Winners



1951-52
Jacquelin Ruth Manor


1952-53
Jean Mills


1953-54
Shirley Mabe

## Beauty Pageant Winners



1954-55
Frances Bryant


1955-56
Louise Wright


1958-59
Janice Cecil


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Allie Stowe


1959-60
Lois Hollandsworth

## Beauty Pageant Winners



1960-61
Betty Wimbish


1963-64
Gloria Jean Mabe


1961-62
Carol Turner


1964-65
Connie Hutchens


1965-66
Edith Via

## Beauty Pageant Winners



1969-70
Dana Plaster



Miss Patrick County 1963 Donna Pate

## Memories

As the Class of 1970 exit these doors, we bring to a close the last chapters in the history of HRMS High School, leaving behind many fond memories of teachers and class mates.


We entered the first grade in 1937, excited, happy, fearful, tearful, and timid, not knowing what to expect or what was expected of us. We rode a funny looking school bus with two long seats down each side and a long bench in the middle. We soon learned to take advantage of all the curves in the roads leading to HRMS. The buses made two trips, so the second load was always late getting to school. At one time during our school years, our parents had to pay a small amount per child for us to ride the bus.

Miss Edna Tatum, a beautiful lady who wore beautiful clothes, was our first teacher. She calmed our fears, dried our tears, and taught us good manners, along with our ABC's and numbers. Miss Waller was our second grade teacher, a kindly motherly type lady who probably wasn't nearly as old then as we thought but we adored her! By third and fourth grades, we had learned a lot, from our teachers, from the older kids in school and from each other.
We reminisce about the cafeteria located in the basement of the dormitory building and can almost smell the soup today! The home economics department was located in the dormitory, some of the teachers lived there, and Dr. Shelburne, everybody's family doctor, had his office there.

Fifth grade with Mrs. Margaret Cooper Mitchell was probably our most memorable year. While studying Egypt, we made a scroll that was put up on the wall and grew to reach around the room. We drew and colored scenes of the Egyptians, using bright colors. We actually had some gold paint that made the crowns and jewelry worn by the subjects appear more realistic. It was grand! Everyone in the school came to admire our project. Sixth and seventh grades found us still in the same building where we started, but now we were on the second floor and thought we were something! We were growing up and some even began "courting" in these grades.

We moved to the high school building in eighth grade and knew our lives would never be the same. By planning ahead, our class decided to contribute a little money each year so that we could publish an annual in our senior year. Our 1949 edition of "The Echo" was the first one published after World War II. It was hard work, and well worth the effort, the book becomes more valuable to us each year. During our high school years, the girls wore long, full circular skirts, frilly blouses or sweaters with lovely neck scarves fastened with scarf rings, bobby sox and saddle oxfords or penny loafers! Our hair was shoulder length and we were beautiful! Our guys wore overalls or jeans or khaki pants and neat shirts or sweaters. We thought they were handsome!

We have such wonderful memories of Chapel in the auditorium with Miss Pearl Brown as leader; the Giant Slide in the playground, Glee Club practices and performances; basketball games played on dirt courts except when playing against rival Stuart High; softball and baseball teams, the games played on our great baseball field while we enjoyed the covered grandstand; and old movies in the auditorium once a week when the admission was cheap! Then there were Country Music bands, such as Bill and Charlie Monroe performing on the stage; the Beauty Pageants; and class plays, one in particular in our early years was, "Sunbonnet Sally and Overall Jim." And, lastly, how could we forget the cannery in the basement of the high school building, where our families canned vegetables, fruits and meats.

We remember with fondness some other teachers we had or knew, Florence Tatum Moore, Madeline Martin Thomas, Sallie Cooper Via, Jimmie Price, Mabel Tudor Grogan, Miss Maude Tudor, Elizabeth Clark, Nannie Ruth Cooper Terry, and high school principals, Mr. Rickman, Mr. Terry, and Mr. Horne.

We had a wonderful school, and outstanding teachers. The Class of ' 49 greatly appreciates the efforts of the Alumni Association in preserving the memory of HRMS. Congratulations on the 75th"Anniversary!

Martha Nelson Harris, Pearl Grady Richardson, Jeanne Wimbish Rakes - Class of 1949

## Memories

In 1944 Hitler was about finished, but the first grade at Hardin Rcynolds wasn't taking any chances. We gathered milkweed, saved aluminum foil for airplane insulation, and walked long distances to meet one of only four buses, and we did without candy or chewing gum. We did what we could. Most of us were barefooted until late in the fall and most of us wore hand-me-downs or whatever was available.

Miss Maude Tudor must have rolled her eyes, sighed deeply and felt a vast sense of hopclessness as she surveyed the 35 or 40 farm boys and girls sitting in front of her. We faced the formidable task of learning to read. We all learned to recite the alphabet not only forward but backward as well. It would be five more years before that one paid off.

The teaching process was simple: You went up to the front, sat in little groups around Miss Tudor and read until you missed a word. The only problem was most of us didn't know any words. Later that year many of the parents did what my father did; they taught their child to read. It was a close call for many of us. No quarter was given. You read all of the first grade books, even if you had to read all summer, which is exactly what a lot of us were doing in the summer of 1945.

There was a big patriotic stage presentation that year. All the gradcs were involved from first to twelfth. All the singers and actors wore military uniforms of the various branches of service. It was quite stirring for a six year old. I'll never forget it.

One member of that little class failed to return in the fall of 1945. Herbert Biggs lost his life that summer. A fcw were held back, one or two had dropped out because of illness. Ultimately, just ten of that first grade class of 1944 graduated at Hardin Reynolds.

But for now our little group forged ahead to second grade and our new teacher, Ms. Waller. She was a saint on earth, if ever there was one. She was an elderly woman, and I think we were her last class; I guess we did her in. But she moved us to cursive writing. That was one of the hardest things I ever had to Icarn. I certainly wouldn't say mastercd. We all took turns standing in front of the class reading. And, we all took trips to the blackboard to practice writing.

We had little Recess, Big Recess and Phys. Ed. Who will ever forget those days behind the elementary building playing, running, climbing on the "Monkey Bars" and swinging on the "Giant Stride?" One guy would wrap his chain around the other five, and we would try to fling him to Jimmy Lee's Store.

Ms. Vergie Thompson would come down to read to us periodically. We went on those walking field trips. We walked up to Mrs. Hairfield's house and over to Dr. Shelburne's office, (before he was in the school building). A few times we went over to the Reynolds Homestead. Who remembers Mrs. Tompkins, who was the self-appointed R. J. Reynolds ambassador? She'd visit our class and ask, "What's the name of your school?" We'd yell back in unison "CRITZ!" "No, no, no, Boys and Girls, it's Hardin Rcynolds." You know we were just as excited by those field trips and visits as the kids today who take long trips by bus or train.

Mrs. Carlyne Cooper inherited that blessed brood for the third grade. We began arithmetic and were introduced to a system known as the multiplication table. Bless her dear heart, she tried, but the odds were in our favor. Too many kids, too little time and everyone had to have measles, mumps and chicken pox. I'll never forget her, one of the best teachers ever to grace a classroom.

The fourth grade was administered by Mrs. McHone. Her husband Waltcr came by to visit and help nearly evcry day. We had to learn Virginia History, long division, and by now, verbs and nouns were beginning to torment us.

For some reason, we received a large number of whippings that year. The paddle was about 20 " long, had eight holes about one-half inch in diameter, and she knew how to wield it. There are about 30 pcople who can describe that paddle to within one or two millimeters.

Walter stayed on most days to help and so most of us were able to move on to fifth grade. That summer we lost Bobby Doss in a drowning accident.

Well, we were moving right along, and in the fall of 1949 Mrs. Zentmeyer was ready and waiting. We were still trying to get a grip on multiplication and long division. But now, to make matters worse, we had to learn to use a dictionary. Well anyway, we knew the alphabet backward so that wasn't too hard. Regular trips to the school library were a treat. We learned to love Time Magazine and National Geographic. But there's always a catch; we had to learn to use the Dewey Decimal System.

By now, many of us had decided we would probably never learn enough to graduate. However, Mrs. Lillian Cooper had other ideas. Early in the year, we all learned that we had definitely met our Waterloo. Mrs. Cooper had retired but was called back because of a teacher shortage. I'm pretty sure without Mrs. Cooper's stern guidance our lives would have turned out differently. We learned where the Panama Canal was. And, when we left that room on the right hand front side of the elementary building, we knew how to take history notes independently. We also knew how to multiply, divide and most importantly, we all knew the multiplication table. This was the year the Brown School emptied into Hardin Reynolds and we picked up several members. Most of them stayed around to graduate.

From then on, it was much easier. Miss Pearl Brown was a wonderful person, a gifted teacher, and she managed to send 30 or so of us on to glory in the High School Buildings. Our ranks swelled again in the seventh grade as students from the Patrick Springs School and the Anthony School came to Hardin Reynolds. This year we had two full classes. The second class was taught by Ms. Zula Hanby.

All along the way we were gaining and losing students as they moved into or out of our area. Recently, I saw a lady who left our class in fifth grade. That was 1949 and I still remember where she sat in class. Some of us remember James Dillon's ability to whittle wood. He made cars, guns and many other things. I remember who matured first and who took longer to decide the opposite sex was worthwhile. We felt a closeness to those people we grew up with that people today find hard to understand. They actually were like family members in many ways.

In 1952 we entered high school. We were changing classes. We had arrived. As we made our way over the hurdles of high school, we became even closer. The athletes among us were discovered, the class clowns, the studious, the fun loving, the popular and the hard working.

Many of those students who left the old elementary building never graduated. It wasn't all that unusual in those days. They were anxious to find a job and get on with life. One lady, now deceased, who left in the ninth grade to get married told me years later that getting married was one of the best days of her life, but she would always regret not graduating with her class.

But others who stayed were glad and many of them excelled. Some became teachers, librarians, product engineers, supervisors, civil servants, businessmen and college professors.

Even then, most of us had jobs and many drove to school; we had some fine fortyish "Detroit Icons." When I think back on some of our cars, we would have been better off walking.

We grew up in the Rock and Roll era. There could never be another decade like the fifties. We drove to school listening to Elvis, Little Richard, Fats Domino, Carl Perkins and Jerry Lee Lewis. Those were tremendously exciting times.

We had already lived through two wars. By now, everyone of us knew someone by name who had been lost in a war. Bobby Corns for instance, who was a small boy when I graduated in 1956, stood by my school bus door and opened it for me at every stop. He died a medal winning hero in Vietnam.

Most of us got our first T. V. around 1952 or '53. We were becoming acquainted with Annette on the Mickey Mouse Club and Jack Webb on Dragnet.

We had learned to dance at Mr. Terry's famous school parties. We went on agriculture oriented judgings and degree team contests. I won a medal for public speaking. Imagine that!

Our athletes were playing in a new gymnasium donated by and dedicated to Mr. William Neal Reynolds. We can never thank the Reynolds family for all their generosity to us and to our school.

We must not fail to mention Mrs. Mabel Grogan, Mrs. Sallie Via, Mrs. Louise Hall, Mrs. Elizabeth Clark, Mrs. Bili Ehmann, Mr. Bittle, Mr. Harrell and Mr. Gilley. Their teaching and guidance were loving and thorough.

I guess Fats Domino was prophetic when he sang Blueberry Hill. We did "find our thrill." We did graduate from a very fine school. And, when we went out into the world, we were prepared. The first and only real job interview I ever had was a sure sip of the excellence of our school. The Personnel Director said, as he signed me up for what turned out to be forty-five years, "I'll take every person I can get from Hardin Reynolds."

## Creating A Pleasant Atmosphere



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L to R: Mrs. Tommy Shelton, Mrs. Ethel Dillon Mrs. Frances Nelson, and Mrs. Lillian Byrd,


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Edith Cooper


Gladys Bryant


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However rapidly or leisurely you have traveled through this volume, thank you for journeying through 75 years of incomplete written and photographic memories. If you are ending before beginning, that's alright, too. You expect to take a thorough and leisurely journey later, perhaps.

Class contributions have ranged from none or one to several of varying lengths, specified as the printing schedule and content needs became more apparent or more urgent. No claim to completeness is attempted, but the "book committee" hopes enough has been gathered and presented to suggest many additional memories. The committee even dares to suggest writing and attaching additional memories and photographs to appropriate class pages for posterity.

On behalf of the Hardin Reynolds Memorial School Alumni Association, the committee and staff have presented the foregoing pages with pleasure and pridein spite of recognized incompleteness. The committee and staff have included a varied and somewhat fluid group of Critz-area volunteers. Any list that attempts to include the longest serving and hardest working committee-staff members would have to include

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